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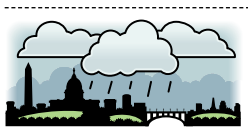

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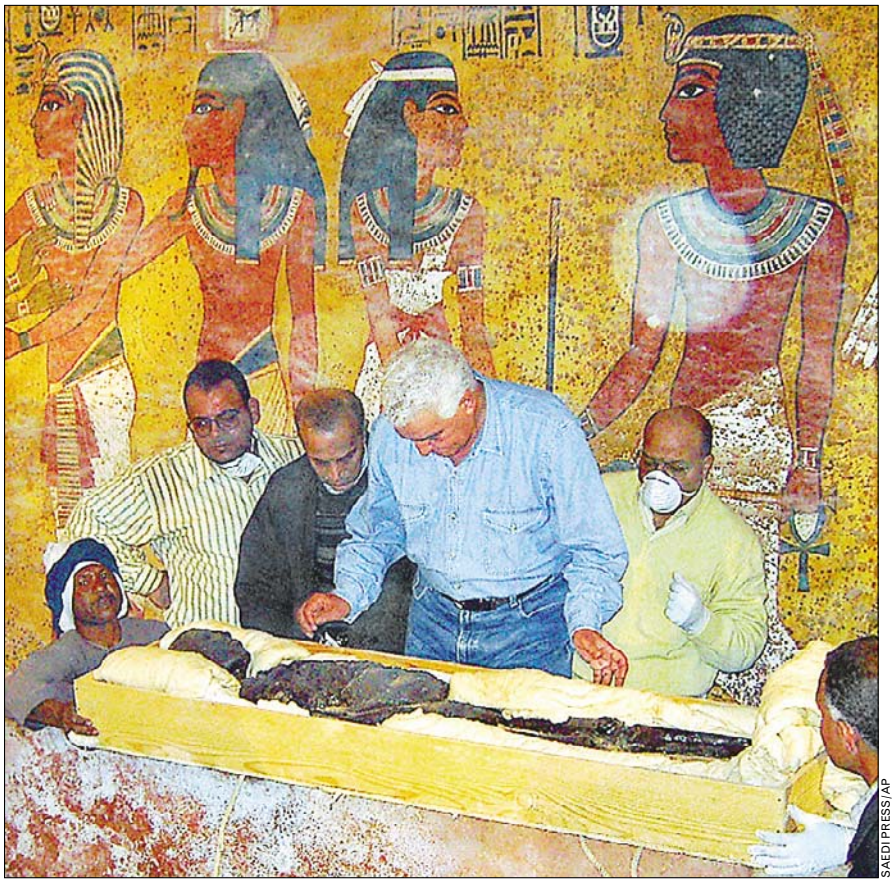

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BARE BONES: Researchers briefly removed King Tutankhamun's mummy from its tomb in Egypt on Wednesday, performing a detailed CT scan they hope might yield clues about the boy king's life and death. Archaeologists have long wondered if Tut, who died at age 17 in 1323 B.C., was murdered.

Gonzales: I'll Honor Torture Rules

WASHINGTON | Attorney General nominee Alberto Gonzales plans to promise senators on Thursday that he would abide by treaties prohibiting torture of prisoners, despite deriding the restraints as outdated relics two years ago.

In prepared testimony obtained by The Associated Press on Wednesday, Gonzales tells the Senate Judiciary Committee he will abide by all U.S. treaty obligations if he is confirmed.

Gonzales, who would be the first Hispanic attorney general, had a hand in much of the White House's post-Sept. 11 terrorism policies as President Bush's top lawyer. He faces criticism from Democrats at Thursday's confirmation hearing, especially concerning a January 2002 memo he wrote arguing that the war on terrorism "renders obsolete" the Geneva Conventions' strict prohibitions against torture.

A month later, Bush signed an order declaring he had the authority to bypass the accords "in this or future conflicts." Bush's order also said the Geneva treaty's references to prisoners of war did not apply to al Qaeda or "unlawful combatants" from the Taliban. JESSE J. HOLLAND (AP)

Tsunami's Toll Stuns Powell

'I have never seen anything like this,' retired general says

BANDA ACEH, INDONESIA | Not even wartime combat could prepare him for the shock of the tsunami devastation, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said after inspecting the Indonesian island of Sumatra, where giant waves washed away whole neighborhoods.

From a helicopter, Powell could see a muddy brown moonscape Wednesday where blocks of houses and rice paddies had been.

"I cannot begin to imagine the horror that went through the families and all of the people who heard this noise coming and then had their lives snuffed out by this wave," Powell said. "I've been in war and I've been through a number of hurricanes, tornadoes and other relief operations, but I have never seen anything like this."

Powell

Powell promised continued U.S. aid and support to help countries recover from the disaster. Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who along with Powell is leading the U.S. delegation, said, "It is with a heavy heart that we're here."

Powell will represent the United States at a conference Thursday in Jakarta to coordinate aid to the affected countries. He has announced no new commitment of U.S. money during his four-day visit to Thailand, Indonesia and Sri Lanka, although the current pledge of $350 million is expected to rise at some point. ANNE GEARAN (AP)

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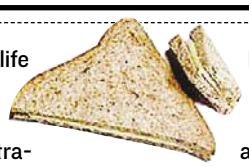
SANDWICHES | **Food Chain Gang** A man serving a life sentence got three more years in a Colorado Springs, Colo., prison for passing out cheese sandwiches while in jail. Douglas Eugene Wilson, 45, pleaded guilty Monday to possessing contraband. He had the sandwiches while awaiting trial, and tried to give them to other inmates. A sheriff's deputy said they warned Wilson not to pass food out, then shocked him with a stun gun when he ignored them. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2



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CONTRACTORS

Homeowner Raises the Roof

Imagine coming home and finding a contractor you never hired stripping off your roof. That's what happened last month to Jim Sullivan of Amity Harbor, N.Y. Sullivan's neighbor hired Babe Roof Company, but the company got the address wrong and began working on the wrong house. Babe Roof owner Chris Streames offered to fix Sullivan's roof, but when the roofers only replaced the portion that had been stripped off, Sullivan noticed the shingles didn't match and wanted his entire roof redone. The contractor said that would cost $1,200 and stopped its work. Suffolk County Consumer Affairs is mediating the dispute. (AP)

ANIMALS

Roo's Clues

Sheriff's deputies in Dodgeville, Wis., have searched in the past for wandering emus or bobcats — but never a kangaroo, until now. Several residents called the sheriff's department Monday night to report seeing a kangaroo along some highways. Deputies are trying to determine whether the animal escaped while being transported. In the meantime, the sheriff's department is urging residents to stay on the lookout for a brownish-red, 150-pound animal with large hind legs and a mean kick. (AP)

JILL JOHNSON/AP

ART

Trunk Show

Overseas tsunami victims will be getting help from an elephant born in Thailand but now living at a zoo in Fort Worth, Texas. An original work of art "painted" by Rasha the elephant will be auctioned off on eBay beginning Thursday. Zoo officials said all proceeds will be donated to the American Red Cross International Response Fund. Rasha was born in 1967 and began putting colors on canvas at the Fort Worth Zoo in the summer of 1996 — the year after her arrival. The zoo noted that elephants are also helping out with disaster relief in tsunami-devastated areas by helping to clear away debris. (AP)

DRUNKENNESS

Bad Blood

Doctors said Tuesday they did four extra blood tests on a drunken man in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, to confirm initial test results indicating that he had a blood-alcohol content of 0.914, far above the life-threatening level of 0.55. The 67-year old man was hospitalized Dec. 20 after a car hit him. A breath test showed the high blood-alcohol level; police thought it was inaccurate. (AP)

SPITTING

All Those in Favor, Say Ptooie

An Eagle Lake, Fla., city council member accused an ex-official of not just saying it, but spraying it. Vice Mayor Dennis Pate said he wants a rule to prohibit spitting at council meetings after he accused former city manager Linda Weldon of spitting at him after an argument at a meeting last month. Weldon denied it, and called the situation "childish" and "asinine." (AP)

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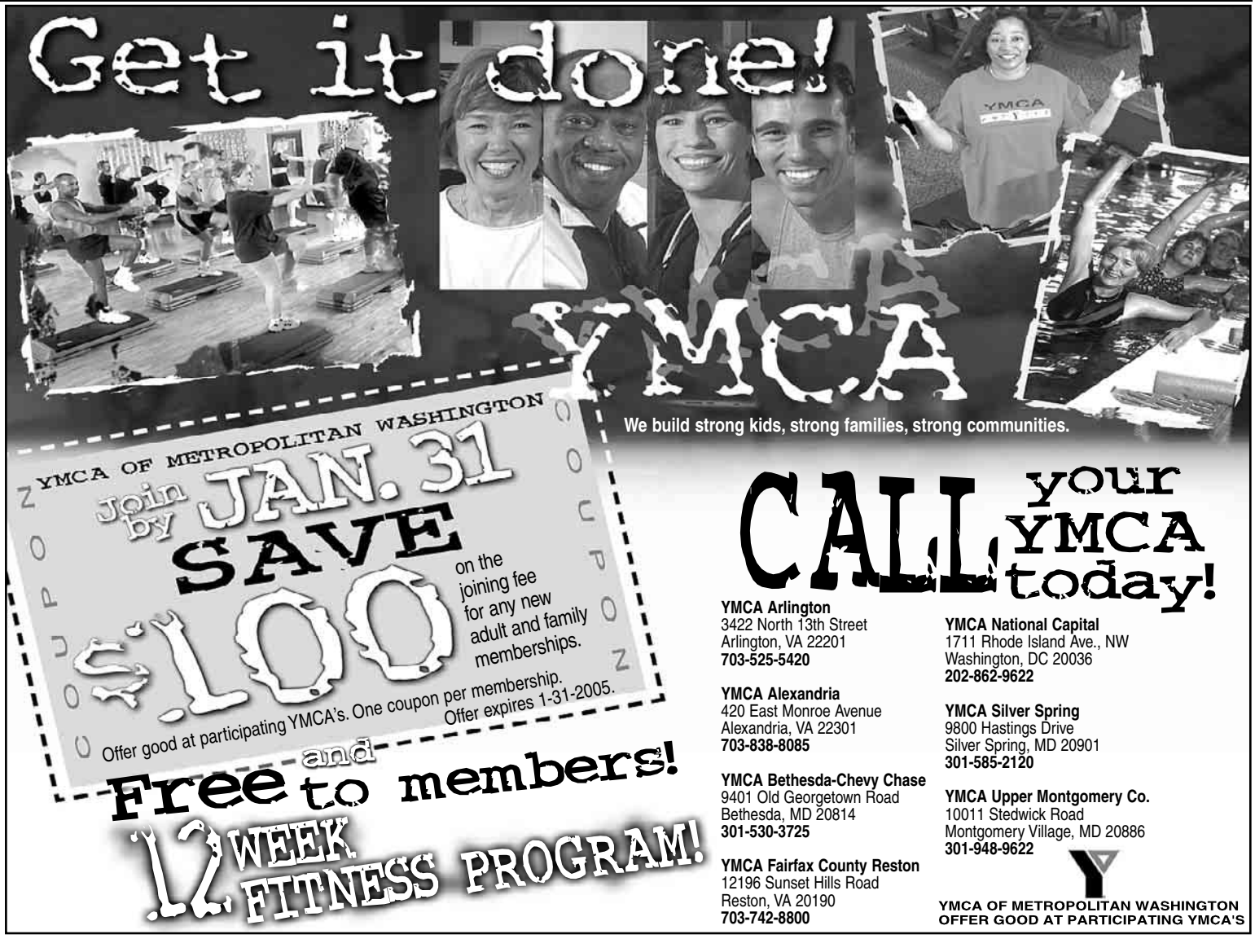

CIVICS: Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer was in court Tuesday — for jury duty in Marlborough, Mass. He was excluded by the defense attorney, who reportedly said, "The last thing I need is two judges on the case."

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In Brief

WASHINGTON

Commerce Nominee Pledges To Fight for U.S. Companies

Carlos M. Gutierrez, President Bush's nominee for commerce secretary, told the Senate Commerce Committee on Wednesday he would vigorously fight unfair trade practices that hinder the ability of American companies to compete around the world. Gutierrez, who headed the cereal giant Kellogg Co., was peppered with questions about how he'd handle trade disputes if confirmed. (AP)

NEW YORK

CNN Boots Pundit Carlson

CNN said goodbye to pundit Tucker Carlson on Wednesday, and with him likely the "Crossfire" program that has been the granddaddy of high-volume political debate shows on cable television. CNN officials said the network will probably fold "Crossfire" into its other programming, perhaps as a segment on the daytime show "Inside Politics." (AP)

WINTER WEATHER | FREE RIDE

NICK KRUG/AP

SNOWY TREK: M.K. Thompson pulls her son Gabriel, 4, front, friend Callee Pfannenstiel, 4, and son Noah, 7, on a sled on Wednesday in Topeka, Kan., after a huge storm spread ice and snow from the Rockies to the Northeast.

Military to Probe Reports of Abuse

Investigators to review allegations from FBI of mistreatment at Gitmo

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, CUBA | Investigators are being sent to Guantanamo Bay to look into allegations of prisoner abuse stemming from recently released FBI documents, authorities said Wednesday as a new batch of FBI memos was released.

The U.S. Southern Command in Miami assigned Army Brig. Gen. John T. Furlow to lead the investigation, which could begin as early as this week. The military maintains that most incidents detailed in the FBI memos occurred in 2002 when the mission began and some of the interrogation techniques labeled as "aggressive" are no longer in use.

"It will be fully investigated," Guantanamo's commanding Army Brig. Gen. Jay Hood said Wednesday, adding that an independent military team was necessary to find people who were no longer under his command.

FBI documents released Wednesday show the FBI's earlier descriptions of abuses came in response to a request from Steve McCraw, of the FBI's Office for Intelligence. The e-mail asked more than 500 agents who had been at Guantanamo to report whether they had observed "aggressive treatment, interrogations or interview techniques" that violated FBI guidelines.

Out of 478 responses, 26 reported observations of detainee mistreatment by personnel other than FBI agents. The 26 summaries were reviewed by FBI General Counsel Valerie Caproni, who determined 17 that were "approved DOD techniques." PAISLEY DODDS (AP)

Space Station Oxygen Source Falters

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. | The space station crew is spending the new year dealing with an old problem: a broken oxygen generator.

The primary machine for producing oxygen aboard the international space station — patched and jury-rigged repeatedly last fall — stopped working again Saturday.

Cosmonaut Salizhan Sharipov and astronaut Leroy Chiao spent most of Wednesday trying to fix the generator. The problem appears to be similar to what crippled the system last year: gas bubbles in the machine's extensive plumbing.

NASA spokesman Rob Navias said the spacemen have plenty of reserve oxygen and are in no danger. (AP)

Rehnquist Back to Court Part Time

WASHINGTON | Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist is back at work part time at the Supreme Court, but there is no word that he is ready to return to the bench.

Rehnquist missed about 25 court arguments in November and December while receiving chemotherapy and radiation for thyroid cancer. A Supreme Court spokeswoman said Wednesday that the 80-year-old chief justice returned to the building late last month.

Rehnquist

Few details have been released about Rehnquist's condition. The chemotherapy-radiation treatment is common for the aggressive and life-threatening type of thyroid cancer.

The new information about Rehnquist's schedule sheds little light on whether his retirement is imminent. The court hasn't had a vacancy in more than a decade, a modern-era record, and Rehnquist had been considered the leading prospect to leave even before his cancer diagnosis in October. (AP)

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Bush Presses for Lawsuit Reforms

President makes case for legislation limiting malpractice awards

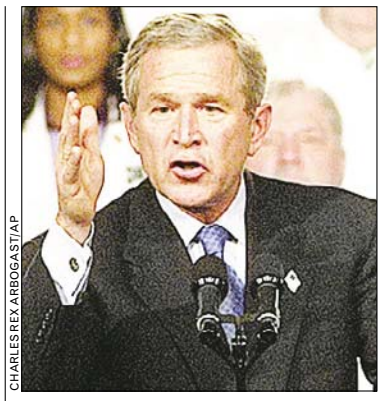
COLLINSVILLE, ILL. | President Bush pressured Congress Wednesday to pass legislation limiting jury awards for medical malpractice, saying the legal system favors attorneys who file baseless cases that drive up the cost of health care.

"What I'm here to do is say as clearly as I can — the United States Congress needs to pass real medical liability reform this year," Bush said.

Bush argued that large malpractice awards have increased the cost of business so much that doctors have to close their businesses or scale back services.

Bush made his case in Madison County, which has been called the "judicial hellhole" of the nation by the American Tort Reform Association last year because of a reputation for huge awards won by plaintiffs.

Bush's speech was one of several events this week to win support for tort reform. Bush faces strong opposition from Democrats in Congress, who say patients deserve the right to seek awards, without arbitrary ceilings, for medical mistakes. (AP)


CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/AP

President Bush delivers remarks on tort reform in Collinsville, Ill., Wednesday.

Ariz. High Court To Hear Case on Letter to Editor

PHOENIX | The Arizona Supreme Court said Wednesday it will decide whether a newspaper can be sued for publishing a letter suggesting that American soldiers in Iraq respond to attacks by killing Muslims at nearby mosques.

The Supreme Court agreed without comment to hear the Tucson Citizen's appeal of a judge's decision to hold a trial in a lawsuit accusing the newspaper of distressing residents by printing the letter.

Newspaper attorney David Bodney said the case involves major First Amendment issues.

Two Tucson men filed a class-action lawsuit against the Gannett Co. newspaper in January 2004.

The lawsuit argued that the decision to publish the letter was not constitutionally protected because it was a call to violence that could extend to Islamic-Americans. (AP)

WHO KNEW? H. David Dalquist, creator of the aluminum Bundt pan, the top-selling cake pan in the world, has died at 86. Dalquist designed the popular baking mold in 1950. (AP)

Today in The Washington Post

Heart Smart: Damping down inflammation in the body appears to be just as important for fighting heart disease as lowering cholesterol, new studies find. | *Page A1*

Bidding on Hope: Strict eBay rules against solicitation almost put an end to an auction that had drawn bids topping $3,500 to help pay for a Va. boy's battle with cancer. | *Metro*

Rising Up: After a 3-year-old boy was killed by a flying boulder in a Va. mining town, the residents are fighting back over what they see as a disregard for their safety. | *Metro*

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SEA LIFE | HELPING HANDS

CHUCK FADELY/MIAMI HERALD/AP

QUICK DIP: Workers tip a rescued manatee into a pool at the Seaquarium in Key Biscayne, Fla., on Wednesday. The manatee is one of two being re-acclimated to salt water and will be released into the wild in a couple of months.

'Missing' Marine Fails To Return to N.C. Base

Purported kidnapping victim in Iraq declared a deserter by military

RALEIGH, N.C. | The Marine charged with desertion after he claimed to have been kidnapped last year in Iraq was again declared a deserter Wednesday after he failed to return from a holiday leave.

Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun was required to return to Camp Lejeune by noon Tuesday, but did not report for duty in a motor pool, said Maj. Matt Morgan, a spokesman for the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

Hassoun's command "officially declared him a deserter and issued authorization for civil authorities to apprehend Hassoun and return him to military control," Morgan said.

Mazen Hassoun, the corporal's brother, said from his West Jordan, Utah, home that he was surprised by the latest accusation. He said he had not yet heard from his brother.

Hassoun

Hassoun has made one statement since returning to the United States, saying he was captured and held against his will by anti-coalition forces.

Hassoun was charged last month with desertion, theft, loss of government property and wrongful appropriation of a government vehicle. (AP)

Seattle Crowned Fittest U.S. City

SEATTLE | Must be something in the coffee.

Seattle has been named the fittest city in the United States in the February issue of Men's Fitness magazine, leaping past the buff competition from Honolulu, Colorado Springs, San Francisco and Denver.

Exercising faithfully and shunning fast food boosted Seattle to the top from No. 6 last year, Men's Fitness Editor in Chief Neal Boulton said.

In its nonscientific Seventh Annual Fattest and Fittest Cities Report, the magazine compares 50 cities by weighing 14 factors, including fast food restaurants per capita and TV watching.

Houston was named the fattest city for the fourth time in five years, followed by Philadelphia, Detroit, Memphis and Chicago. (AP)

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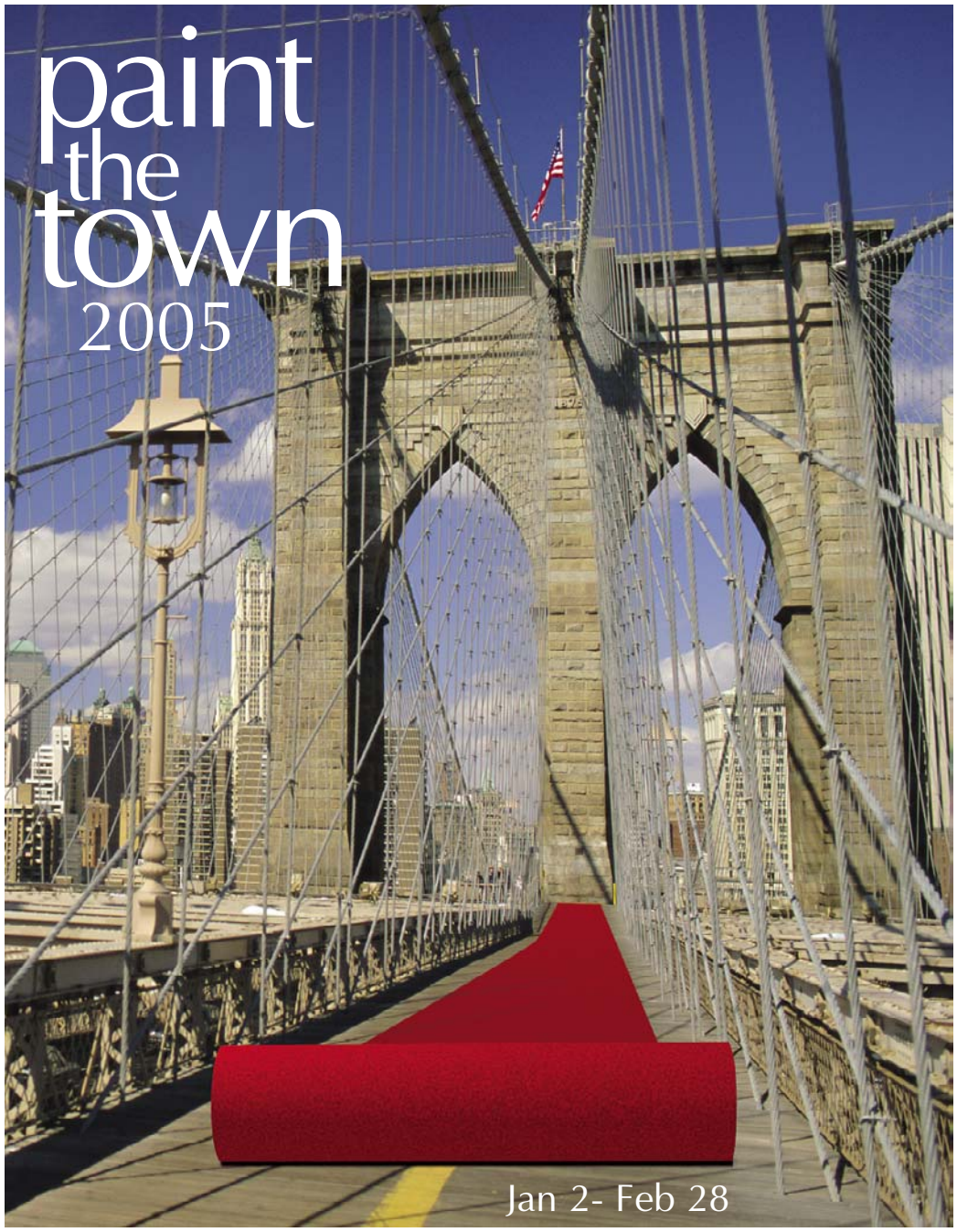

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World

WASTE BINGE: Workers at Kenya's main fresh food market, serving most of Nairobi's 3 million residents, killed 6,000 rats and trucked away 800 tons of garbage — piled 7 feet deep in places — in its first major cleanup in 30 years, a local official said Tuesday.

Pledges of Tsunami Aid Pour In

Some worry rich nations using pledges to jockey for influence

JAKARTA, INDONESIA | Australia promised $764 million — the largest government pledge — for tsunami relief, topping Germany's $674 million just before a crucial donors' meeting Thursday.

The outpouring of generosity raised questions about whether rich nations were using tragedy to jockey for influence on the world stage — and with Indonesia, which has a vast wealth of natural resources and is the world's most populous Muslim nation.

"We have to be careful and not participate in a beauty contest where we are competing to give higher figures," said Louis Michel, European Commissioner for development and humanitarian aid.

But U.N. humanitarian chief Jan Egeland, who riled Washington by saying wealthy nations were often "stingy," said Tuesday: "I'd rather see competitive compassion than no compassion."

Michel also warned that some pledges might not be honored. A little over a year ago, donors promised Iran more than $1 billion in relief after an earthquake killed 26,000 people there. Iranian officials say only $17.5 million has been sent.

The United Nations said Wednesday that donations were arriving faster than they could be recorded, pushing the amount pledged toward $4 billion.

India has politely turned down the unprecedented offers of money and military might. But in Indonesia, hardest hit by the tsunami, survivors expressed thanks during a visit by Secretary of State Colin Powell on Wednesday.

"Thank God he's come. Thank God," said Mohamed Bachid Madjid, peering from a bridge into the Aceh River, where two bloated corpses floated among the flotsam. (AP)

PETER DEJONG/AP

STILL SEARCHING: A 22-year-old woman sits on a debris-littered roadside Wednesday after going to the devastated house of her grandmother, who has been missing since the massive tsunamis struck, in Banda Aceh on Indonesia's Sumatra island.

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Threat of Outbreaks Still Potent

Treating dangerous infections, diseases becomes top priority

BANDA ACEH, INDONESIA | The first patients turning up at hospitals and makeshift clinics in Indonesia's Aceh province — the area hit hardest by the earthquake and tsunami — had mostly scrapes, bruises and broken bones. Now, some doctors say they are treating worse problems, like gangrene and pneumonia.

Dr. Ronald Waldman, who is coordinating the World Health Organization's efforts in Indonesia, said dangerous infections are sneaking into superficial wounds. Measles has become a major threat, and UNICEF said it expects to start mass vaccinations in the area soon.

WHO warned that if basic needs — particularly access to safe drinking water — are not restored by the end of this week, there would be a risk of infectious disease outbreaks that could kill as many people as the tsunami's direct impact.

"Five million people have been severely affected by the tsunamis. We now estimate that as many as 150,000 people are at extreme risk if a major disease outbreak in the affected areas occurs," said WHO Director-General Dr. Lee Jong-wook, who was touring a stricken part of Aceh on Indonesia's Sumatra island Wednesday with UNICEF chief Carol Bellamy. EMMA ROSS (AP)

American Death Toll Increases to 36

WASHINGTON | The death toll of Americans from the tsunami more than doubled Wednesday, to 36, as the State Department announced 20 other U.S. citizens were presumed dead. Thousands more are missing.

Nineteen of the newly listed victims were in Thailand and the 20th in Sri Lanka, two of the hardest-hit countries, deputy spokesman Adam Ereli said.

Eyewitnesses and others on the scene provided the information that led the department to presume the 20 Americans had died, Ereli said. "In each of these cases there is a specific reason to believe that the individual was in harm's way at the time of the tsunami," he said.

Citing the privacy of families, Ereli declined to identify the 36 Americans, except to say none was a U.S. official.

The State Department has shied away from estimating how many Americans might have perished. Secretary of State Colin Powell, who is on a trip to the area, is understood to have urged department officials to be more informative about American victims. (AP)

EUGENE HOSHIKO/AP

Powell, at Banda Aceh airport Wednesday, has reportedly urged officials to be more informative about victims.

Experts Still Wait To See if Map Is Forever Changed

JAKARTA, INDONESIA | Aerial images of tsunami-battered coastlines suggest the world map may be changed forever, with chunks of land sinking into the sea. But did the quake and the killer wave it spawned really significantly reshape the Indian Ocean's outline?

Almost all the apparent land fragmentation is likely due to temporary flooding, experts say. Cecep Subarya, of Indonesia's mapping agency, says no existing islands have been seen to vanish or split up off the northwest coast of Indonesia's Sumatra island, the earthquake's epicenter. Nor has Sumatra's coast been reshaped.

Experts say nearly all the rest of the region is too far from the epicenter to have been affected. One exception may be the Andaman and Nicobar islands, an Indian archipelago. A Coast Guard commander said his aerial survey indicated that one island may have been cut in two and another divided into three. A third island was reshaped, he said. (AP)

FURTHER READING & INFO

Survival tales: One man clinged to a log in the waves for 10 days | **Today's Post: Section A**

'Stunned': Colin Powell, Jeb Bush tour the island of Sumatra | **Today's Post: Section A**

Photo gallery: Scenes of devastation, arrival of aid | **washingtonpost.com/cameraworks**

Direction for donors: Ways to help contribute to relief efforts | **washingtonpost.com**

QUICKLY-WEDS: Couples across China are rushing to tie the knot before the Feb. 9 start of the Year of the Rooster, Reuters reported, citing local media. Due to its late start, the new lunar year is considered unlucky for wedlock.

World

In Brief

CANADA

Proposal May Outlaw Online Drug Sales to U.S. Consumers

Health officials are drafting a proposal to prevent Internet pharmacies from selling mail-order prescription drugs to U.S. consumers, a spokesman said Wednesday, a move that would essentially kill a $700 million industry that has become increasingly popular with patients south of the border. The measure being considered by Health Minister Ujjal Dosanjh would prevent doctors from giving prescriptions to U.S. patients without examining them in person, spokesman Ken Polk said. (AP)

YEMEN

British Embassy Threatened

Britain closed its embassy in Yemen on Wednesday because of "specific security concerns" and warned that terrorists were in the end stage of planning assaults against British targets in the country. "The British embassy will be closed on Jan. 5 in response to specific security concerns," said a statement posted on the Foreign Office Web site. Foreign Office officials were not immediately available for comment. (AP)

UKRAINE

Yanukovych to Appeal Vote

Losing presidential candidate Viktor Yanukovych appealed the results of last month's election to Ukraine's Supreme Court, arguing that the election be declared invalid because of massive fraud, a court spokeswoman said Wednesday. Preliminary results from the Dec. 26 election show opposition candidate Viktor Yushchenko winning a sound victory, but final results cannot be announced while appeals are pending, a spokesperson for the Central Election Commission said. (AP)

IRAQ | CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE

BILAL HUSSEIN/AP

WAR'S ORPHANS: A boy reacts after seeing his sister and both of his parents killed inside their car on Wednesday. The U.S. military had no immediate information about the incident, in which four civilians were killed when U.S. soldiers opened fire after their convoy was attacked in central Ramadi.

Bombs in Iraq Put 4-Day Toll at 90

1,300 policemen killed in last 4 months of '04

BAGHDAD | A suicide attacker blew up an explosives-laden car outside a police academy south of Baghdad on Wednesday, killing 20 people, and another car bomb left five Iraqi policemen dead. The Interior Ministry said Wednesday that more than 1,300 policemen were killed in the final four months of 2004.

Despite the surge of violence aimed at derailing this month's elections, Iraq's interim leader again insisted the ballot would go ahead as planned. "We will not allow the terrorists to stop the political process," Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said as the death toll from insurgent attacks topped 90 over four days.

While Allawi ainsisted parliamentary elections must be held as scheduled on Jan. 30, interim President Ghazi al-Yawer left open the possibility that the vote could be delayed. "I think that we should continue working on how to hold the elections on schedule, but we should not lack the courage if we see that this is impossible," said al-Yawer, a Sunni Muslim tribal leader.

If the election takes place, it is expected to shift power to the Shiite Muslim community, an estimated 60 percent of the population that has been dominated by the Sunni minority since modern Iraq was created after World War I. The insurgency is believed to be led by Sunnis. (AP)

Iran Gives U.N. Access to Military Site

VIENNA, AUSTRIA | Iran has agreed to grant access to a military site the United States links to a secret nuclear weapons program, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency said Wednesday.

Mohamed ElBaradei said IAEA experts could be in Parchin "within days or weeks." The U.N. nuclear watchdog agency has been pressing Tehran for months to be allowed to inspect the Parchin military complex, used by the Iranians to research, develop and produce ammunition, missiles and high explosives.

In leaks to media last year, U.S. intelligence officials said that a specially secured site at Parchin may be used in research on high-explosive components for use in nuclear weapons.

So far, the IAEA says it has not found any firm evidence to challenge Iranian assertions that its military is not involved in nuclear activities. GEORGE JAHN (AP)

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Local

DONOR DEMAND: Reserves of O-negative and B-negative blood types were at less than a half-day's supply Wednesday, a spokesman for the Central Maryland chapter of the Red Cross said. One reason was increased post-holiday elective surgeries.

D.C. Works to Fix Up RFK Stadium

With opening day just 3 months away, city hires construction crew

WASHINGTON | With three months to go before the Washington Nationals' home opener, D.C. officials said Wednesday a lot of work is going on behind the scenes to renovate RFK Stadium.

City Administrator Robert Bobb said the District is on target to meet and actually exceed its goal of having 35 percent of the renovation contract go to local, small and disadvantaged businesses.

The $18.4 million contract to renovate RFK went to Turner Construction. There was concern that Turner would meet this 35 percent requirement by subcontracting it to Tomkins Builders, a local company it now owns. But Bobb told reporters Wednesday that Turner won't be allowed to do that.

Bobb also said the city's attorney general has hired additional real estate lawyers to deal with land acquisition for the new ballpark to be built on the Anacostia waterfront.

D.C.'s chief financial officer is taking offers for private financing of the new stadium and is expected to release his report Jan. 17. Late last year, the outgoing D.C. Council approved a financing package that allows the city to sell up to $584 million in bonds for construction of a 41,000-seat stadium.

The Nationals will play their first game at RFK on April 14. They are expected to spend three seasons there, with the new ballpark due to open in 2008. HEATHER GREENFIELD (AP)

Rising costs: Home assessments in Montgomery County have risen 70 percent, with similar growth patterns seen in D.C. and Virginia | **Today's Post, A1**

NATIONAL ZOO | NEW EYES

REUTERS

SEEING SPOTS: Dr. Suzan Murray, chief veterinarian at the National Zoo in Washington, uses an eye scope to examine a 6-week-old male cheetah cub.

Man Dies in Crash At Md. Bus Stop

ASPEN HILL, MD. | A man standing in a bus stop was killed Wednesday when a garbage truck plowed into him as his grown son looked on.

According to Montgomery County police, Carlos Eduardo Alvarez Morton, 56, was at the bus stop at Georgia and Connecticut avenues, when a garbage truck collided with a car. The truck, owned by the county's public schools, then swerved and plowed into the bus stop, hitting Morton and flipping onto its side.

Morton's 26-year-old son was not hurt. The car driver, the truck driver and a passenger in the truck suffered minor injuries. (AP)

Dulles, Reagan See Record Air Travel

ARLINGTON, VA. | Air travel at Dulles and National airports isn't just up to pre-Sept. 11 levels. It's on track to break records.

Final numbers are still being tallied, but the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority said Wednesday an estimated 23 million people flew in and out of Washington Dulles International Airport last year — the most in its 42-year history.

And at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, the total is expected to come close to the 16.3 million record set in 1993.

The crush has officials considering ways to add more parking spaces at National, where the 7,500 spots have already filled up several times this year.

"We're big-time pushing Metro. It goes right to our doorstep," said authority spokesman Tom Sullivan. CANDACE SMITH (AP)

Local

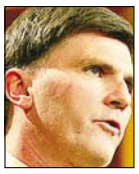
Ehrlich Rolls Out Transportion Plan

Md. governor to add $4 billion in highway and transit projects

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Gov. Robert Ehrlich will add $4 billion in new projects to the state's six-year transportation program, a big increase made possible in large part by the governor's increases in motor vehicle fees approved by the General Assembly last spring.

At a news conference Wednesday, Ehrlich thanked lawmakers who voted for his $237 million revenue package, saying their support will make possible highway and mass transit projects in every corner of the state. He noted the registration fee increases passed with bipartisan support, but chided Democrats who voted against them and issued a warning that "at some point, I expect they will have to explain their votes to the folks back home."

The 123 major new projects come after three years in which little was added to the six-year plan, Jack Cahalan, spokesman for Transportation Secretary Robert Flanagan, said.



Ehrlich

Most of the projects that were added to the six-year plan had been announced at local news conferences held by the governor and transportation officials around the state over the last nine months, but 12 projects, including long-delayed Eastern Shore projects, were revealed for the first time at the news conference.

TOM STUCKEY (AP)

Name game: What do you call politicians, like Marion Barry, who return to office? **Today's Post, Metro**

Arrest Made in Metro Armed Robbery

WASHINGTON | A teenager who authorities said fired a shot on a Metrorail train was arrested Wednesday.

Metro Transit Police said the unidentified 17-year-old suspect was facing adult robbery and weapons charges in connection with the Dec. 16 incident on a Blue Line train in Southeast Washington.

According to police, the suspect approached another teen and demanded his coat and backpack, which the victim surrendered.

The suspect then fired his gun into the train floor and took off at the Benning Road station in Prince George's County, Md. No one was hurt. (AP)

The Lotteries

Wednesday, January 5

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Mid-day Lucky Numbers	9-7-5
Evening Lucky Numbers	8-8-1
Mid-day DC 4	1-6-6-8
Evening DC 4	9-7-9-9
Quick Cash	17-25-21-22-4-23
Hot Five	29-26-8-1-21

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	9-3-6
Evening Pick 3	2-8-5
Mid-day Pick 4	5-4-8-7
Evening Pick 4	0-1-2-6
Match 5	7-13-14-25-26 Bonus: 15

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.)	8-0-2
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	3-0-1
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	2-5-1-6
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	7-7-5-3
Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.)	5-8-12-18-32
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	1-2-14-22-34

MULTI-STATE GAMES	
Mega Millions (Tues.)	3-6-7-12-32
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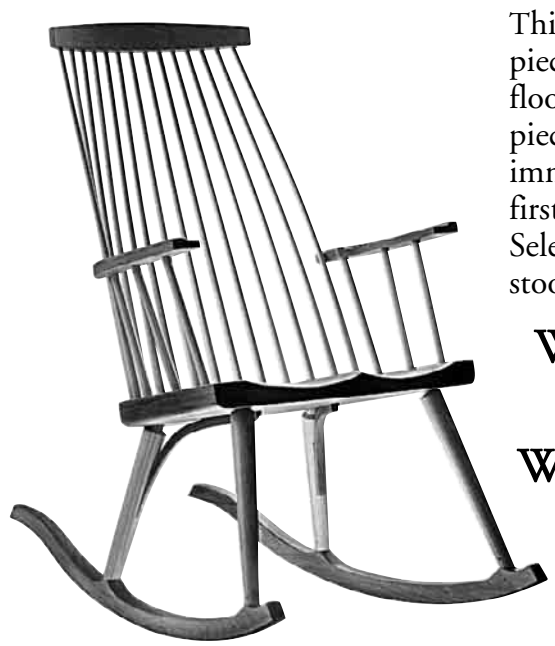

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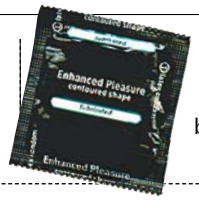

MISCONTRACEPTION? A guide to contraception by the nonprofit Consumers Union — publisher of Consumer Reports magazine — says a condom distributed by Planned Parenthood performed the worst of those tested, Reuters reported.

Salary Cuts OK'd At US Airways

Flight attendants approve 10% pay reduction

ARLINGTON, VA. | Flight attendants at bankrupt US Airways approved a new labor contract Wednesday that cuts their pay by nearly 10 percent, leaving only one union that has refused to accept the cost cuts the carrier says are needed to avoid liquidation.

The Association of Flight Attendants, which represents more than 5,000 workers at the airline, approved the contract with 64 percent of the vote, according to a union spokeswoman. The final vote was 2,556 in favor and 1,416 opposed, with more than 70 percent of eligible voters casting ballots.

The contract cuts pay by 8.4 to 9 percent, with raises of 1 percent to 2 percent beginning in 2007 and extending through 2011. The airline estimates the new contract will allow it to save $94 million a year, part of nearly $1 billion it is trying to squeeze from its 28,000 workers.

Flight attendants had been working under a temporary 21 percent pay cut imposed by a bankruptcy judge to help the airline conserve cash while in bankruptcy.

US Airways officials did not immediately return a call for comment. MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

DELTA DETAILS NEW FARES

DELTA AIR LINES INC. is cutting its most expensive fares by as much as 50 percent nationwide and is eliminating restrictions in an effort to woo business travelers and last-minute ticket buyers.

Delta said in a statement and a two-page ad in newspapers Wednesday that no fare in coach class will be more than $499 one-way.

Officials Warn of Tsunami Aid Scams

MIAMI | With donations pouring into charities, U.S. law enforcement officials say scam artists claiming to represent tsunami relief organizations are using e-mails and telephone calls to attempt to steal donations and swipe donors' identities.

Several states and consumer watchdog agencies have issued warnings in recent days, noting that an outpouring of generosity has opened the door for con artists.

Florida officials alerted residents Tuesday after they learned of an e-mail purportedly sent by a British group called "The Foundation for Victims of Flood and Earthquake" and another requesting aid to the "Tsunamis Disaster Help Funds."

Similar warnings were issued in Alabama, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, New York, North Dakota and Washington state. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Too Inc	27.71	+3.48	+14.4
LSI Log	5.73	+.71	+14.1
UniFirst	31.96	+3.15	+10.9
Salesforc n	17.95	+1.59	+9.7
Cryolife	6.90	+.35	+5.3

Losers

InputOut	6.90	-1.41	-17.0
AmWest	5.59	-.66	-10.6
Bluegreen	16.49	-1.91	-10.4
AMR	9.05	-.96	-9.6
Regis Cp	41.10	-4.10	-9.1

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
RickCab	3.78	+.93	+32.6
KeryxBio	14.18	+2.95	+26.3
EducLend	18.94	+3.52	+22.8
Tarragon s	22.00	+3.90	+21.5
EntreMd	3.77	+.61	+19.3

Losers

Innodata	6.87	-2.42	-26.0
WorldGate	4.81	-1.54	-24.3
Trmfrd	5.10	-1.50	-22.7
Phazar	35.22	-10.23	-22.5
Chindex s	8.25	-1.75	-17.5

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-32.95	-16.62	-4.31
-0.31	-0.79	-0.36
10597.83	2091.24	1183.74

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	5.25	5.25
Fed Funds close	2.25	2.25
3-month	2.29	2.18
2-year	3.21	3.10
10-year	4.29	4.33
30-year	4.85	4.95

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5305	.5318	.5532
Canadian Dollar	1.2264	1.2226	1.2825
European Euro	.7542	.7534	.7893
Japanese Yen	104.09	104.50	106.08
Mexican Peso	11.3600	11.3690	11.0060
Taiwanese Dollar	32.05	31.84	33.87

Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ABN Amro	26.20	+.03	-1.5
BcBilVArg	17.04	-.03	-3.9
BcoSnCH	12.03	-.11	-2.7
BkofAm s	45.25	-.57	-3.7
Barclay	44.97	+.30	-1.6
CredSuiss	41.76	-.05	-1.0
DeutschBk	85.90	-.30	-3.5
HSBC	84.03	-.34	-1.3
JPMorgCh	38.49	+.08	-1.3
LloydTSB	35.91	-.21	-2.4
MitsuTkyo	9.96	+.18	-2.5
UBS AG	81.83	-.75	-2.4
US Bancrp	31.06	+.16	-.8
Wachovia	52.21	+.56	-.7
WellsFrgo	62.03	+.07	-.2

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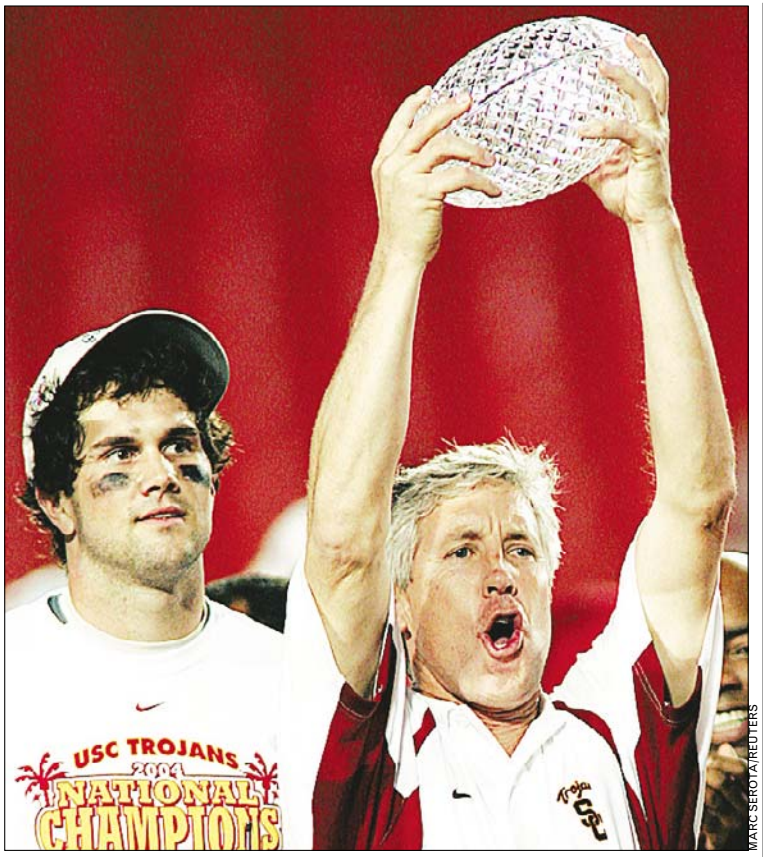
PHONING IT IN: Call it the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour. The cell-phone maker is paying $88 million to be the global title sponsor for the women's pro tennis circuit over the next six years in a deal announced Wednesday.

Sports



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ENCORE: USC head coach Pete Carroll, right, and quarterback Matt Leinart, left, celebrate the Trojans' Orange Bowl win, giving them two national titles in a row.

A Dynasty in the Making

Two championships may not be the limit for USC under Carroll

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | No team has ever won three straight AP national titles. Few teams have ever been better equipped to do so than Southern California.

USC's stunningly easy 55-19 victory over Oklahoma on Tuesday night in the Orange Bowl gave the Trojans a second straight national title — and set them up to make a run at history next season.

The Trojans head into the 2005 season with a 22-game winning streak, the longest in the country. If they are No. 1 in The Associated Press preseason poll, they will match Miami's record streak of 19 straight polls as the top-ranked team.

When Pete Carroll arrived in 2001 as an NFL castoff, nobody pegged him as the next great college football coach.

Now, he's just about the only person who has watched USC rip through the last two seasons that isn't starting to use the "D" word — as in dynasty.

Most of the dynamic offense will return, but whether the 2005 Trojans are breaking in a new quarterback is a question that will be answered in the next few weeks.

Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart has been hedging lately on his prior pledge to complete his college eligibility. You can't blame him. The 6-foot-5 left-hander has the look of a top pick in the NFL draft.

If he does leave, USC has John David Booty on deck after two years under the tutelage of offensive coordinator Norm Chow. That's if Booty can beat out Mark Sanchez, the top-rated quarterback prospect in the nation who has committed to USC out of junior college.

"We have structured our program to be able to carry on with losses that occur," Carroll said. "As long as I hang in there I can keep it together." RALPH D. RUSSO (AP)

Tony Kornheiser: A look back at 2005 in sports, including the Gheorge Muresan-led Wizards' NBA championship and Joe Gibbs' return to racing | **Today's Post, Sports**

Taylor's DUI Charge Tossed

Videotape clears Redskins rookie in Oct. arrest

REDSKINS | A judge tossed out a drunken driving charge against Washington Redskins safety Sean Taylor on Wednesday but convicted him of refusing to take a blood alcohol test.

Fairfax County General District Judge Mitchell Mutnick tossed out the drunken driving charge after viewing a videotape that showed Taylor performing a variety of field sobriety tests when he was stopped by police. "I've seen a whole lot worse," Mutnick said."

Taylor faces a mandatory 12-month license suspension, but that penalty was delayed pending an appeal set for March 10.

The charges resulted from Taylor's Oct. 28 arrest on the Capital Beltway after the trooper said he spotted Taylor's Mercedes going 82 mph.

Taylor had been attending a birthday party for teammate Rod Gardner at a nightclub. Several Redskins, including Laveranues Coles, Fred Smoot and Clinton Portis were in court to testify on Taylor's behalf, but only Coles took the stand.

Coles said he did not see Taylor drink and that he had been keeping a particularly close eye on Taylor because "I kind of had the idea that the woman I was dating, he was dating, so I watched him."

Taylor testified that he did not drink at the party, and said he was there "just to make a little cameo, show my face ... holler at a few ladies." The only alcohol he had that night, he said, was a glass of champagne at home at 11 p.m.

The trooper, Mandre Boggess, testified that after he arrested Taylor, the football player called him an "Uncle Tom" and said that all cops know how to do is "pull over people with nice cars." Both Boggess and Taylor are black.

Taylor was pleased with the court's decision. "I'm smiling," he said. MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

ROY JONES | FIBERGLASS JAW

BILL KACZOR/AP

BIRDMAN: Former boxing champ Roy Jones Jr., left, admires a fiberglass pelican painted in his likeness as it is unveiled Wednesday at the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola, Fla., Jones' hometown.

Embattled AD Retires From Ohio State

COLLEGE SPORTS | Ohio State athletic director Andy Geiger is retiring after a decade featuring some of the Buckeyes' greatest victories and biggest embarrassments.

From the time Maurice Clarett led the Buckeyes to a football national championship in 2002, the school's athletic department has been beset by NCAA investigations of its football and basketball programs. "I find my work is no longer fun and I no longer look forward with enthusiasm to each day," Geiger said Wednesday. "I'm just tired. Just bone-weary. "

Geiger, 65, got choked up at one point and took several moments to compose himself. He said the stress of running one of the largest athletic departments in the country led to his decision to leave. (AP)

Terrapins Lineman Going Pro

Maryland's Merriman declares for draft after stellar junior season

TERPS | One of Maryland's best defensive players, Shawne Merriman, plans to forego his last year of eligibility and enter the 2005 NFL draft, the school said Wednesday.

Merriman, a defensive end, was a first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference selection in 2004, leading the Terrapins in sacks and tackles for losses. He's ranked second on the all-time Maryland sacks list with 23.

"My experience at the University of Maryland was great," Merriman said. "Maryland was very good to me, and it will only get better with the talent this area has."

Merriman is the second Maryland defensive lineman in the last two years to leave early for the NFL. Randy Starks was picked in the third-round of last year's draft by the Tennessee Titans. Starks, the youngest player in the NFL, finished his rookie season with 28 tackles and 4.5 sacks. (AP)

Sports

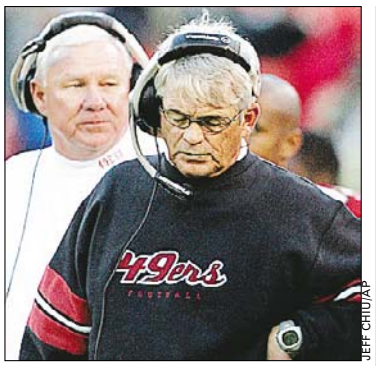
66,409 **The average attendance** at NFL games in the 2004 season, breaking last year's record of 66,328. Overall, the league sold 17,000,811 tickets, which is 90 percent of capacity. It's the first year the NFL surpassed the 17-million-ticket mark.

49ers Clean House After 2-14 Year

FOOTBALL | The San Francisco 49ers fired coach Dennis Erickson and dismissed general manager Terry Donahue on Wednesday, cleaning house just three days after the once-proud franchise finished with the NFL's worst record.

Owner John York announced the changes to his team, which went 2-14 to match the worst record in San Francisco history.

Erickson went 9-23 in two seasons as Steve Mariucci's successor. He won two national championships at the University of Miami during a successful college coaching career, but is 40-56 as an NFL head coach in San Francisco and Seattle.



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Dennis Erickson finished 9-23 in two seasons as the 49ers' head coach.

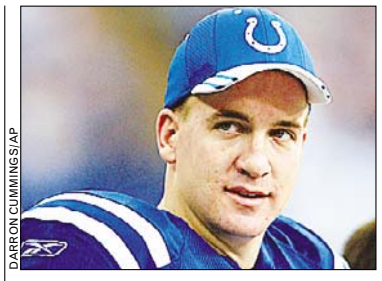
York said he plans to hire a head coach with winning NFL experience before replacing his general manager, though he doesn't expect one man to hold both jobs. He also didn't deny an interest in former Patriots and Jets coach Pete Carroll, whose USC team won its second straight national championship Tuesday night. GREG BEACHAM (AP)

Manning Collects Offensive Award

FOOTBALL | Peyton Manning was a runaway winner of The Associated Press 2004 NFL Offensive Player of the Year — as if there could be any doubt.

The Indianapolis Colts' star quarterback had perhaps the greatest passing season in league history. He broke Dan Marino's 20-year-old record with 49 touchdown passes and had a passer rating of an almost unfathomable 121.1, shattering Steve Young's mark of 112.8 set in 1994. Manning threw only 10 interceptions and led the Colts to the AFC South title with a 12-4 record.

Manning earned 35 votes from a nationwide panel of 48 writers and broadcasters who cover pro football. He easily outdistanced Eagles receiver Terrell Owens and Vikings quarterback Daunte Culpepper.


DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Peyton Manning threw 49 touchdowns for the Indianapolis Colts this season.

Another no-brainer award handed out Wednesday was Ben Roethlisberger being named the AP's offensive rookie of the year. He went 13-0 as the starting quarterback for the Steelers. (AP)

Browns Tap Ravens' Savage as GM

FOOTBALL | Phil Savage accepted an offer to be general manager of the Cleveland Browns, leaving Baltimore for a struggling AFC North rival, a Browns official told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Savage, the Ravens' director of player personnel the past two seasons, only has to work out some financial details to finalize his contract before taking over the Browns, the source said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Savage was expected to arrive in Cleveland on Thursday to sign the deal. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NBA (7 P.M. ON TNT) The Washington Wizards appear on national TV this time when hosting the Seattle SuperSonics.

NBA (9:30 P.M. ON TNT) Jermaine O'Neal leads the Indiana Pacers against Tim Duncan's San Antonio Spurs.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON COMCAST) Welcome to the ACC Miami, you get No. 9 Georgia Tech.

GOLF (7 P.M. ON ESPN) The PGA Tour starts up for 2005 in Kapulua, Hawaii, with the Mercedes Championships.

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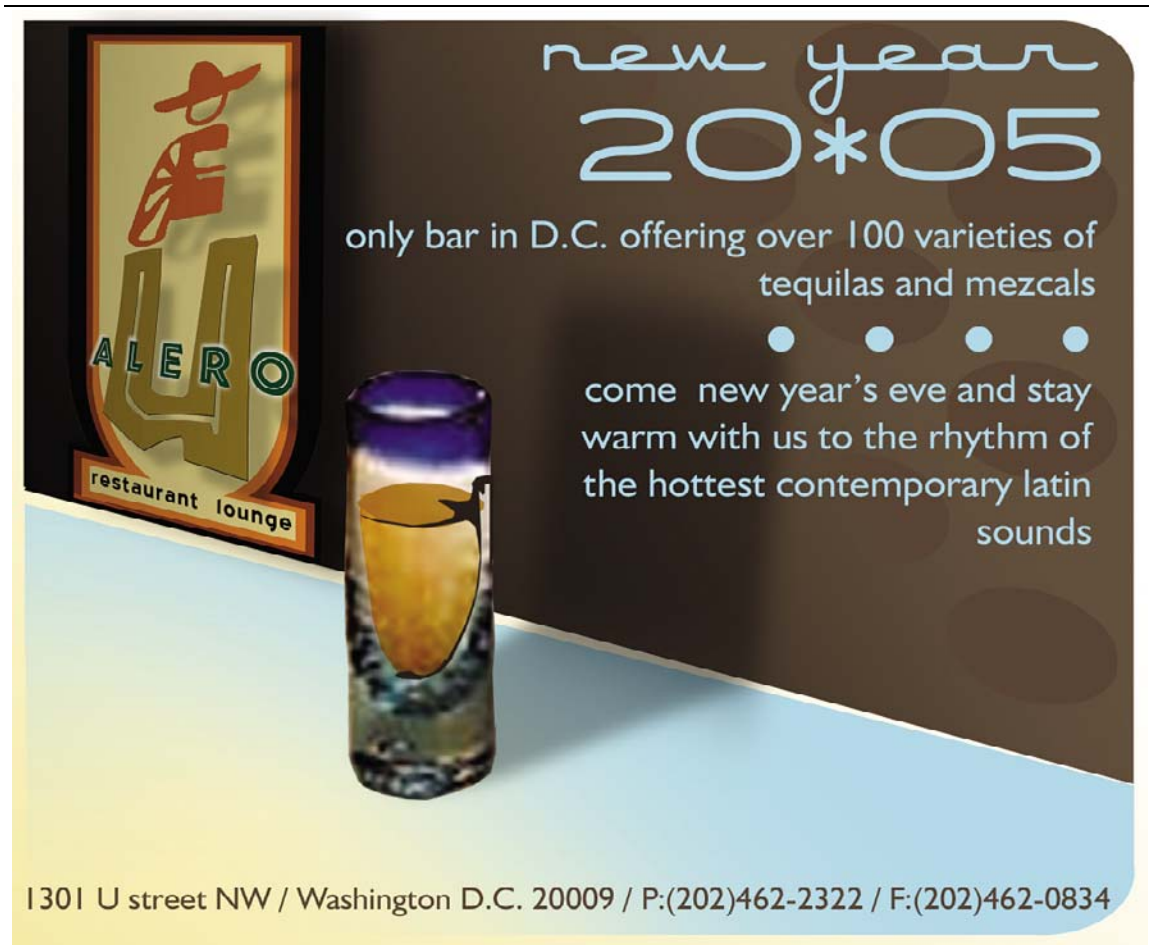

Sports

Batista Goes From Montreal to Japan

BASEBALL | Tony Batista agreed to a $15 million, two-year contract with Japanese club Hawks SoftBank of Fukuoka, said a source close to the deal.

The third-baseman will receive a $5 million signing bonus and will make $5 million in each of the next two seasons, the source said on condition of anonymity.

Batista, 31, traveled Tuesday to Miami to meet with club officials and finalize the deal.

Batista

The Dominican hit 32 HRs and 110 RBIs last season with the Montreal Expos. He previously made the All-Star Game as a member of the Orioles.

Several teams — including Tampa Bay, Houston and Detroit showed interest in signing Batista, but none came close to matching Fukuoka's offer, the source said. (AP)

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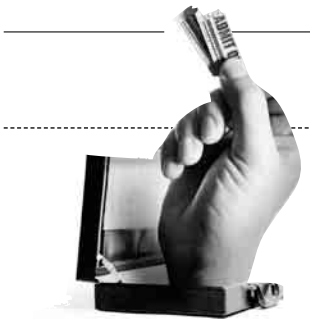

Entertainment

WeekendPass

FAT WRECK CHORDS

LINE 'EM UP: From the remnants of not-so-successful previous bands, Me First formed, never thinking the silliest incarnation would be the one with staying power.

Schlock Treatments

Me First and the Gimme Gimmes make timeless novelty rock 'n' roll

MUSIC | Remember Neurotic Outsiders? GTR? Schon & Hammer?

Thought not. The rock 'n' roll superhighway is littered with the wreckage of once-shiny careers, as big players have regrouped for not-so-famous second acts.

Taking the stage at the Black Cat on Friday, Me First and the Gimme Gimmes is one supergroup that has the game all figured out.

Though boasting a cast of California pop-punk all-stars — including NOFX's Fat Mike, Swingin' Utters' Spike, Bad Religion's Brian Baker and Joey Cape and Dave Raun, both of Lagwagon — Me First doesn't let egos get in the way.

Well, at least not those of the guys in the band. The egos of '70s AM-radio schlockmeisters such as John Denver and Neil Diamond will do just fine.

Showing surprising longevity for a joke band, Me First has over the last nine years built a following on quick and dirty covers of songs everybody hates to love and loves to hate.

Their 1996 "Billy" single featured versions of Mr. Joel's "Only the Good Die Young" and "Uptown Girl." The following year's "Barry" reworked the Manilow chestnuts "Mandy" and "I Write the Songs."

"I Sing the Body Electric" and "What I Did for Love" got the ol' 1-2-3-4 when the Gimme Gimmes branched out for the full-length 1999 show-tune collection "Are a Drag."

For their new release "Ruin Jonny's Bar Mitzvah," the Gimmes explore what is needed to scar a lad for life. It turns out that "Come Sail Away" and "Strawberry Fields Forever" are all it takes. GLENN DIXON

Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Fri., Jan. 7, 9:30 p.m., $15; 800-551-7328. (U St.-Cardozo)

Accordion Chief: Geno Delafose's French Rockin' Boogie means a party in any language.

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Scales Pitch: "Beast From 20,000 Fathoms" is loose, and boy is his skin dry.

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Driven: Clutch's Neil Fallon could have been a dumb head-banger, but he'd rather be a smart one.

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Top Stops

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Smiles, Everyone: Hi-5 U.S.

Feeling low? Got the why's-it-so-warm-in-January blues? Nothing cheers a person up like singing, dancing teens. Join Discovery Kids and The Learning Channel's Karla, Kimee, Jenn, Curtis and Shaun for "Hi-5 Live! Move Your Body," a tour so energetic your toddler will need a week in a sensory-deprivation tank to come down.

MCI Center, 601 F St. NW; Sun., Jan. 9, 3 p.m., 1531 33rd St. NW; 6:30; $15-$30; 800-551-7328. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)

DISCOVERY

Hi-5 U.S.'s Jenn and Shaun are ready to cheer up Washington — or else.

AIDS Relief: Jim Wooten Reading

ABC senior correspondent Jim Wooten discusses his book "We Are All the Same," about HIV-infected Nkosi Johnson, the young boy who movingly addressed the International Conference on AIDS in 2000 and put a human face on a global problem.

Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; Thu., Jan. 6, 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919. (Tenleytown)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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January Highlights 2005

Exhibitions

Rembrandt's Late Religious Portraits

January 30–May 1

West Building

Rembrandt's powerful half-portraits of biblical figures are shown together for the first time. What do they tell us about their creation and the artist?

The exhibition was organized by the National Gallery of Art, Washington, in association with the J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles.

Generous support for this exhibition at the National Gallery of Art was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Saunders, III.

Gerard ter Borch

Through January 30

West Building

Discover, in his first U.S. exhibition, a 17th-century Dutch master renowned for his exquisite portraits, satins, and domestic interiors.

Organized by the American Federation of Arts, New York, and the National Gallery of Art, Washington.

The exhibition is supported by an indemnity from the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities.

Fauve Paintings from the Permanent Collection

Through May 30

East Building

Colorful French fauve ("wild beast") paintings by Matisse, Braque, and others from the Gallery's collection celebrate the 100th anniversary of this innovative art movement.

Palace and Mosque

Islamic Art from the Victoria & Albert Museum

Through February 6

East Building

Experience the richness, quality, and beauty of Islamic art of the Middle East in this stunning exhibition.

Organized by the Victoria & Albert Museum, London, in association with the National Gallery of Art, Washington.

The exhibition at the National Gallery of Art is generously sponsored by H.R.H. Prince Bandar bin Sultan, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to the United States.

The international tour of this exhibition has been made possible by the generosity of Mohammed Jameel, the benefactor of the V&A's Jameel Gallery of Islamic Art, which is dedicated to the memory of Mr. Abdul Latif Jameel, the late founder of the Abdul Latif Jameel Group, and his wife Nafisa.

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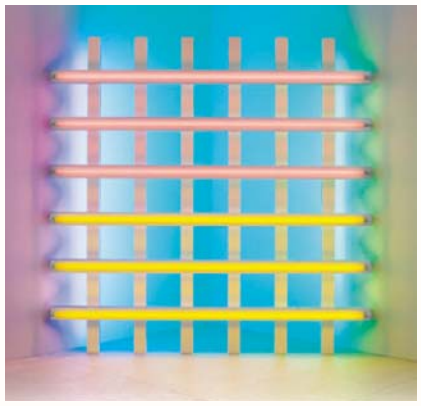


Dan Flavin

A Retrospective

Through January 9

East Building

Enter a world of color, space, light, and boundless creativity from a groundbreaking artist whose career spanned 35 years.

Organized by Dia Art Foundation, New York, in association with the National Gallery of Art, Washington.

The national tour is sponsored by Altria Group.

The exhibition at the National Gallery of Art is made possible through the generous support of Lehman-Smith + McLeish.

Additional support for the exhibition and its accompanying catalogue was provided by Lannan Foundation.

Six Centuries of Prints and Drawings

Recent Acquisitions

Through May 30

West Building

The Gallery presents over 130 of the finest works on paper acquired for its distinguished collection over the past five years.

American Masters from Bingham to Eakins

The John Wilmerding Collection

Through January 30

East Building

Explore one of the most important private collections of 19th-century American art, assembled by a renowned scholar and teacher.

Enjoy

Artist's Lecture

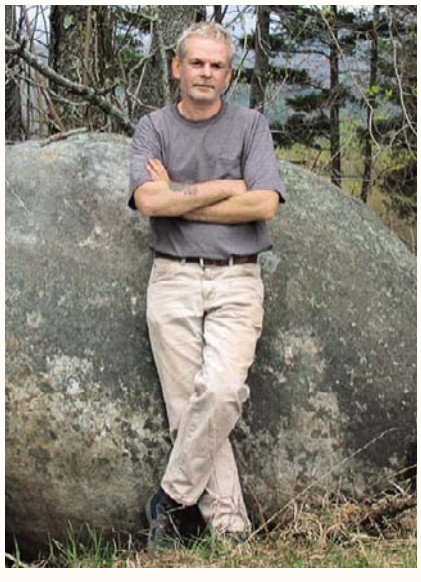
Andy Goldsworthy

Diamonstein-Spielvogel Lecture Series

January 23, 12 noon

East Building Auditorium

British artist Andy Goldsworthy—who is creating *Roof,* a work on-site for the Gallery—talks about his work.



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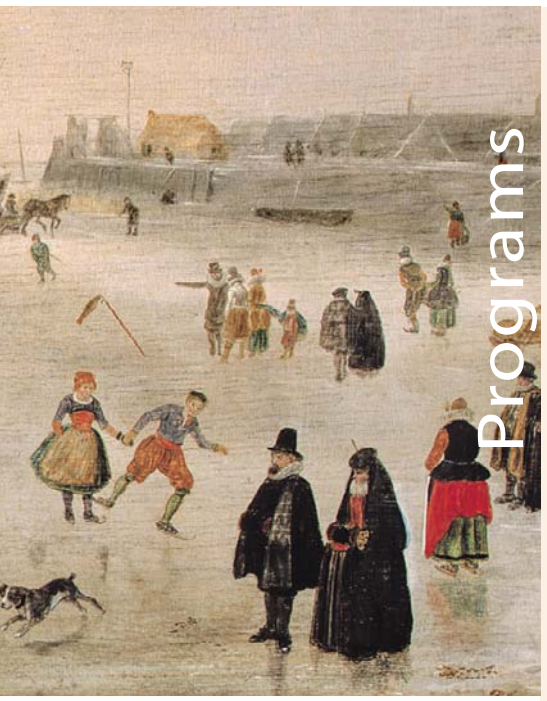

Programs

Celebrating 17th-Century Dutch Art and Life

January and February at the National Gallery of Art

Dutch Treats

Cascade Café
Enjoy Dutch specialty entrees from the Chef's Table.

Monday–Saturday, 10 am–3 pm
Sunday, 11 am–4 pm

Espresso Bar
Treat yourself to Dutch chocolate, hot winter beverages, and a Dutch cheese plate.

Monday–Saturday, 10 am–4:30 pm
Sunday, 11 am–5:30 pm

Family activities guide **NGAkids** features Rembrandt in the Winter 2005 issue. To receive **NGAkids** free of charge, call (202) 789-3030 or visit ***www.nga.gov/kids***.

Opposite Page: From left to right: Rembrandt van Rijn, *Self-Portrait as the Apostle Paul,* 1661, Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam; Henri Matisse, *Open Window, Collioure,* 1905, Collection of Mr. and Mrs. John Hay Whitney, National Gallery of Art, Washington; Dan Flavin, *untitled (in honor of Harold Jachim) 3,* 1977, Collection Stephen Flavin, Photo: Billy Jim, Courtesy Dia Art Foundation © Stephen Flavin/Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York; Andy Goldsworthy, Photo: Jacob Ehrenberg

This page: From left to right: Hendrick Avercamp, *A Scene on the Ice* (detail), c. 1625, Ailsa Mellon Bruce Fund, National Gallery of Art, Washington; Still from Dutch film *Minoes* (2001); Pieter de Hooch, *The Bedroom* (detail), 1658/1660, Widener Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington; Rembrandt van Rijn, *The Windmill* (detail), 1641, Gift of G.W. Russell, National Gallery of Art, Washington

Art

Family Programs

Family Concert with Camerata Trajectina

Sunday, January 30

Opening Day for the Rembrandt Exhibition! Last Day for Ter Borch!

12 noon & 2 pm
West Building Lecture Hall
(45 mins.), ages 7 and up

Dutch ensemble *Camerata Trajectina* performs music from the time of Rembrandt and Ter Borch on historic instruments. Seating is first-come, first-seated. For more information, call (202) 842-6254 or ***visit www.nga.gov/kids.***

Family Audio Tour of 17th-Century Dutch & Flemish Paintings

11 am–5 pm
Acoustiguide Desk
West Building Rotunda
ages 7–12

Travel with Pieter and Tanya as they explore life and art 400 years ago in Holland and the land known as Belgium today. Available for $3 per tour ($2 for additional headphones).

Children's Film Program

Minoes

Saturday, February 5, 10:30 am
East Building Auditorium
ages 7 and up

The young woman Minoes speaks the language of cats, likes raw fish, and leaves her room to prowl trees and roofs at night. A delightful feature-length adventure that is "purr-fect" for the whole family. (Vincent Ball, The Netherlands, 2001, 93 mins.) (In Dutch with English subtitles)

The Children's Film Program is made possible with the generous support of *washingtonpost.com*.

Learn More at the Gallery

Teacher Workshop

Gerard ter Borch

Saturday, January 15
10 am–3 pm
West Building Lecture Hall

Examine Gerard ter Borch's work within the historical and economic context of 17th-century Holland. Teaching materials included. Preregistration required; fee: $20. If the first date fills, a second session will be held Saturday, January 22. Call (202) 842-6796.

Online Teaching Resources

www.nga.gov/education/classroom/index.htm
www.nga.gov/education/classroom/loanfinder

Gallery Walks

West Building Rotunda

Tour Dutch and Flemish works with a staff expert.

Gerard ter Borch
Russell Sale, staff lecturer
January 11, 14, 16, 19 at 12 noon
January 21 at 1 pm

Experience the intimate domestic world captured by Ter Borch and his contemporaries.

Dutch Scenes of Everyday Life
Eric Denker, staff lecturer
January 22 at 1 pm, January 25, 26, 30 at 12 noon

Share the delight of Netherlandish painters and patrons in scenes of everyday work and pleasure.

Rembrandt in the National Gallery of Art
Eric Denker, staff lecturer
January 29, 31 & February 1 at 12 noon

Study Rembrandt's art in all of its remarkable diversity and range.

Rembrandt's Late Religious Portraits
Russell Sale, staff lecturer
February 22, 25, 27 at 12 noon

Explore Rembrandt's biblical figures, interpreted in light of his own age.

Dutch and Flemish Works of Art on Paper in the National Gallery's Permanent Collection
Gregory Jecmen, assistant curator
January 10, 12, 18, 21 at 1 pm
East Building Print Room

Get an insider's look at 16th- and 17th-century prints, drawings, and illustrated books. Preregistration required: (202) 842-6247

January Lecture Series

The Dutch Interior

Sundays, 2 pm
East Building Auditorium

Four lectures on 17th-century Dutch life and culture during the Golden Age

9 *Noises and Silences in Dutch Paintings of Manners*
Mariët Westermann, New York University

16 *Portraits and Personalities*
Stephanie S. Dickey, Indiana University-Purdue University

23 *Inside the Artist's Studio*
H. Perry Chapman, University of Delaware

30 *Rembrandt's Late Religious Portraits*
Arthur Wheelock
National Gallery of Art

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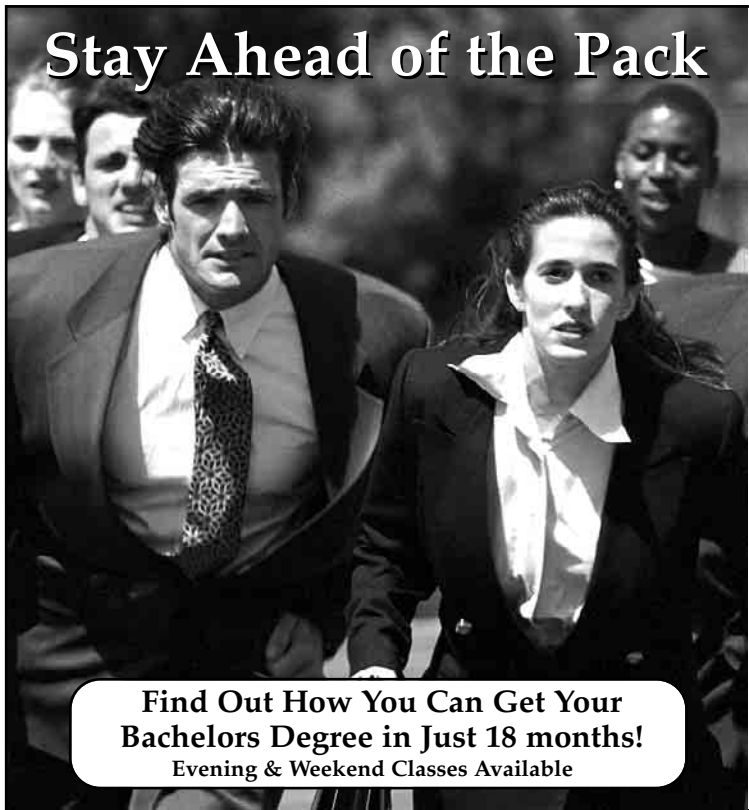
Rembrandt Research Project



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POST-MILLENNIUM ROCK: The Gin Blossoms soldiered on without their engine.

Just Can't Get Enough

Hit-makers the Gin Blossoms are back for another round

MUSIC | Rock 'n' roll loves a gimmick. But the Gin Blossoms managed to sell millions of albums without one.

Long removed from their hit-making '90s heyday, they bring their easygoing sound to Falls Church's State Theatre on Saturday, followed by a pair of Sunday shows at Annapolis' Rams Head Tavern.

The Gin Blossoms emerged from Arizona with the wistful pop/rock disc "New Miserable Experience," a collection of tightly written, slightly melancholy tunes. It was a slow burn at retail, but eventually sold more than 4 million copies. Regrettably, the band had to endure a "Behind the Music"-like tragedy before enjoying the spoils of its major label triumph.

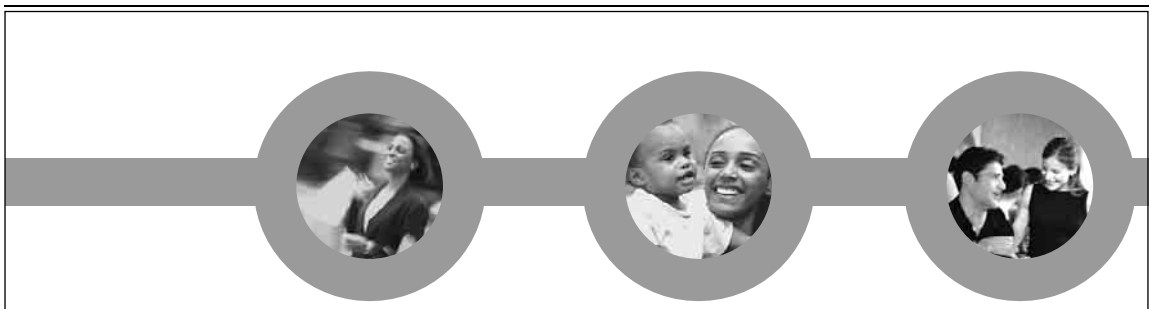
In a messy split, founding guitarist and chief songwriter Doug Hopkins was ousted prior to the release of the band's seminal record. Alcoholism and depression plagued Hopkins, who penned the band's initial hits, "Hey Jealousy" and "Found Out About You." In 1993, as his own tunes spun on radio stations nationwide, Hopkins committed suicide.

The burden of duplicating a mega seller and overcoming the loss of their most gifted songwriter was nearly insurmountable. Remarkably, Gin Blossoms guitarist Jesse Valenzuela answered the call and helped craft the group's first chart-topping hit, "Til I Hear It From You," for the "Empire Records" soundtrack.

Lines like "At first I'd laugh, but now it's sinking in fast," could apply to the Gin Blossoms' appeal and internal relationships, which waned when the ironically titled "Congratulations ... I'm Sorry" turned out to be only mildly successful compared to the band's previous long player.

The act named for the red-veined nose sported by folks like W.C. Fields quietly disbanded in 1997. They re-formed in 2001 as inaudibly as they'd once called it quits, and though the group boasts a hit-filled history and even inspired a tribute band to rock in its honor (Allison Road), it keeps a relatively low profile. This weekend, find out why its guitar-powered pop with nary a gimmick in sight still deserves a listen. CRAIG SMITH

State Theatre; 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; Sat., Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m.; $27; 703-573-7328. (East Falls Church)



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ATSUKO TANIGUCHI

PRECOCIOUS: The 30ish Delafose has rocked the squeezebox for 25 years.

Le Boogie, French Style

A Geno Delafose performance is a party in any language

MUSIC | When you're in the mood and looking to party, you want three things.

You want there to be boogie, you want it to be rockin' and, yes, you may not even know it consciously, but you want it to be French.

Well, when Geno Delafose and his band, French Rockin' Boogie, take to the Birchmere's bandstand Thursday, you'll get all that — plus some very tasty accordion playing.

Although only in his early 30s, Delafose has been in the zydeco business for a quarter of a century. His father, the late accordionist John Delafose, got him started playing the rubboard with the Eunice Playboys at age 7.

A stint on drums followed, but when his father's health failed, Geno took up the squeezebox.

Today he's a master not only of the single-row diatonic button accordion that is the mainstay of Creole tradition, but also of the triple-row button and piano accordions he brings out for more contemporary numbers.

In addition to the repertoire handed down from his father and such bayou greats as the Balfa Brothers and Iry LeJeune, Delafose performs his own material and songs from such pop tunesmiths as Doc Pomus and Mort Shuman.

Delafose has even been known to lay down a soul groove on the Hammond B-3 organ. It's a little tough to dance while behind a keyboard, though, and French Rockin' Boogie is foremost a dance band.

Whether it's two-stepping or waltzing you're after, Delafose makes sure the beat goes on. GLENN DIXON

Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; Thu., Jan. 6, doors open at 6 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m.; $19.50; 703-549-7500.

LAST CHANCE: The fluorescent sculptures of "Dan Flavin: A Retrospective" go dark on Sunday. National Gallery of Art, Constitution Avenue and 4th Street NW; 202-737-4215.

TopStops

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Piano Woman: Guity Adjoodani

Glamorous Iranian pianist Guity Adjoodani has toured all over the United States and Iran, and has served on the faculties of numerous music schools and conservatories. She brings her cross-cultural musical perceptions from the album titled "Journey to Iran" to the Kennedy Center.

BONNIE SCHUPP

Acclaimed Iranian pianist Guity Adjoodani puts on a free program.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW; Fri., Jan. 7, 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

Verging on Genius: Almodóvar Series

A tribute to Spanish director Pedro Almodóvar kicks off this weekend with a screening of his extraordinary dual love story, "Talk to Her," The series, "Director on the Verge," continues through Feb. 20 with biweekly screenings.

AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; Thu., Jan. 6, 7:05 p.m., $7.50; Sun., Jan. 9, 1:05 p.m., $8.50; 301-495-6700. (Silver Spring)

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New Economists

'Black Milk' finds capitalist grifters in love in the new Russia

STAGE | A husband and wife travel from Moscow to rural Russia to swindle some peasants, all the while hurling insults at each other. Welcome to Studio Theatre's latest ... love story?

It's true: Contemporary Russian playwright Vassily Sigarev has billed his play "Black Milk" as a romance of "Romeo and Juliet" proportions. This might be a stretch, but locals can decide for themselves. The play opened at Studio Theatre on Jan. 5, continuing its recent run of Russian theater.

The "happy" Muscovite couple, Lyovchik and his very pregnant wife, Shura, devise a con to sell the locals faulty Malaysian toasters at four times their actual value.

Dark Russian hilarity ensues as the couple mixes with rural eccentrics, including an unreformed Communist and a railway station mistress who cooks up her own vodka. The comedy is tempered by themes of "old" versus "new" Russian morals and by Shura's spiritual conversion.

Who better to portray Shura than D.C. stage darling Holly Twyford, who has given dimension to many a complex character? Twyford reunites with Matthew Montelongo, her stage partner in last season's Studio production of "Far Away," for which she won a Helen Hayes award. ERIN O'CONNOR

Studio Theatre, 1333 P St. NW; through Feb. 13, $35-$48; 202-332-3300. (Dupont Circle)

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'BLACK' COMEDY: The principal couple is adrift in post-communist Russia.

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NO NECKTIES, PLEASE: The Germantowners who make up Clutch decided to never get a real job, and they never have.

Put the Pedal To the Metal

Maryland's Clutch are hard-working slackers

MUSIC | Coming straight outta Germantown, Clutch formed in 1991 to escape grim post-high school job prospects. Thirteen years, five albums and zero neckties later, it's practically an institution. In fact, the band's official Web site lives in full irony at www.pro-rock.com. It's like the revenge of the world's guitar store employees.

Clutch certainly claims the same working-class rock influences — Sabbath, Zep, early hardcore — as newer stoner-rock bands. But vocalist Neil Fallon is too smart just to sing the praises of girls and ganja. He strings together smart, literate, angry and often funny narratives. Imagine Eminem fronting a swaggering riff-rock band. You gotta love a dis that goes, "Ever since your first record you've been in a state of suspended animation/ You look like Snuffalufagus and Australopithecus/ Me Cray, you abacus."

The new live double CD, "Clutch — Live in Flint, Michigan" features two full sets — as will the band's D.C. show this Friday. The show will no doubt include the MTV favorites "A Shogun Named Marcus" and "Mob Goes Wild." But with a bit of luck, Maryland's favorite sons will include their brilliant titles "Army of Bono" and "8 Times Over Miss October." Here's hoping Clutch never needs a day job. BOB MASSEY

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri., Jan 7, 9 p.m., $15; 703-218-6500. (U St.-Cardozo)

Creature Feature

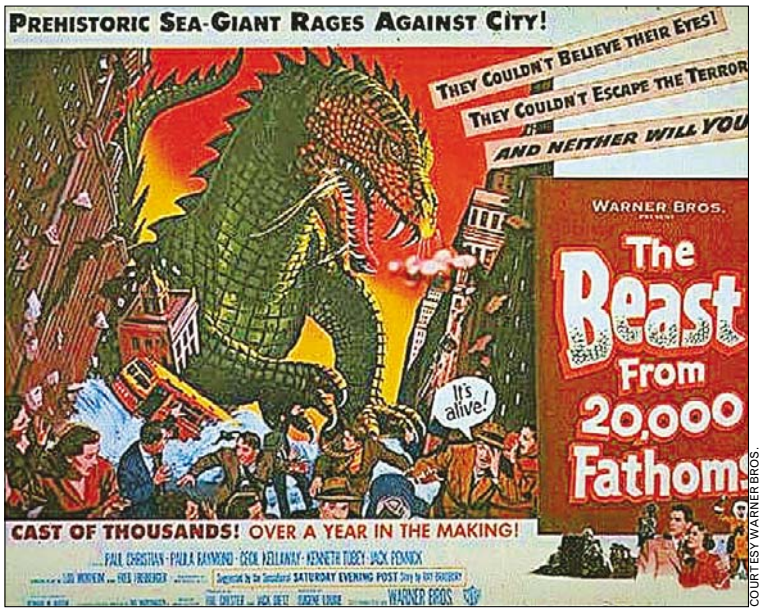
An Atomic Age monster movie isn't quite what it seems

FILM | A French director films an adaptation of a high-concept Ray Bradbury story about civilization and primal impulses and conscripts the magic of special-effects god Ray Harryhausen to make it all come alive on the screen.

Cinephiles' mouths water at such descriptions, and this weekend, they're in luck. Sort of.

Yes, a film that fits the above definition in letter if not in spirit is playing at the Library of Congress' Pickford Theater this Friday. But that film is 1953's "The Beast From 20,000 Fathoms," and surely the cineaste's quiet enjoyment of it will be drowned out by the raucous giggles of Generation Irony, getting its kitsch on thanks to this midcentury-modern piece of atomic paranoia.

Still, the screening is part of the LOC's National Film Registry series, so someone must have seen something in Eugène Lourié's 80-minute fugue in foam rubber. Suffice it to say, "Beast" pre-dated the firsst installment of the suspiciously similar-looking Japanese Godzilla series by one year.



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THE MONSTER THAT ATE MANHATTAN: In the 1953 monster flick ("Over a year in the making!"), an evolutionary throwback gets Jurassic on unsuspecting humans.

The plot is a standard Atomic Age freakout — frozen monster thaws out, stomps Manhattan — and it claims descendency from Bradbury's short story "The Foghorn," in which an ancient creature is lured from its watery lair by the title sound, which bears an unfortunate resemblance to a beastly mating call.

Whether there's even a bone of the original idea left in this black-and-white monster movie is anybody's guess. But we can tell you this: Lee Van Cleef is in it.

Exactly. (EXPRESS)

Library of Congress, Pickford Theater, James Madison Memorial Building, 101 Independence Ave. SE; Fri., Jan., 7, 7 p.m., 202-707-5677. (Capitol South)

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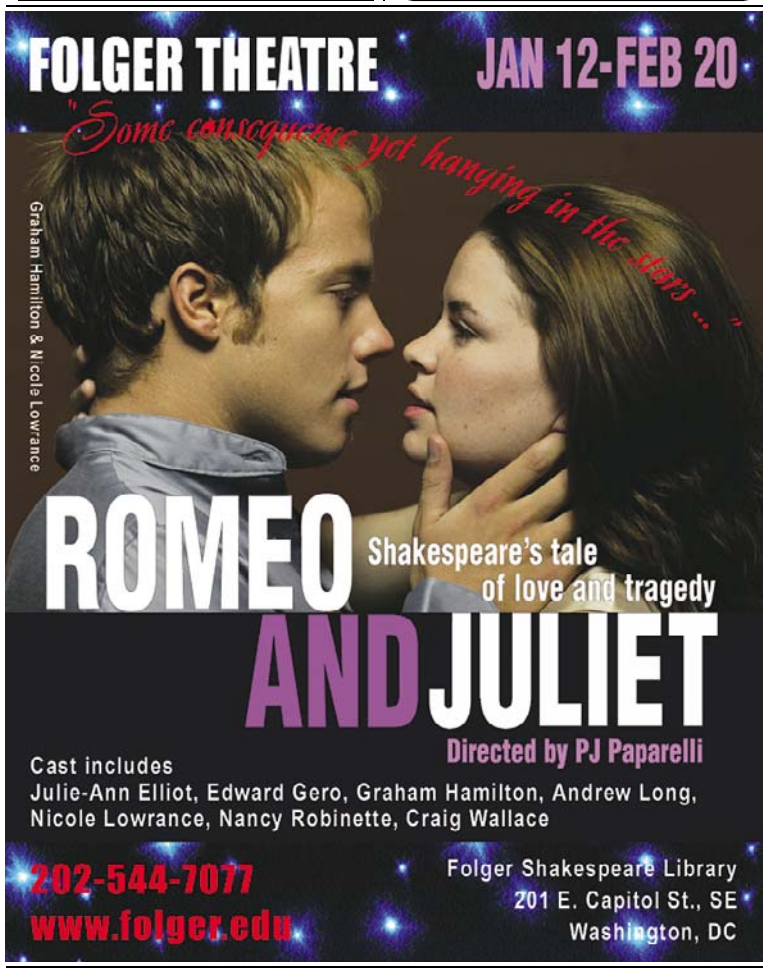

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Composer, arranger, tenor saxophonist, flute player and NEA-designated "jazz master" Jimmy Heath brings his quartet to the Kennedy Center for a program of Ph.D.-level jazz and bop.

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MEPHISTO

Jimmy Heath with his weapon of choice.

Problem Play: 'Tea and Sympathy'

When you speak of the American Century Theater's production of "Tea and Sympathy" — and you will — be kind. TACT will be staging the Robert Anderson play about the intense connection between a lonely wife and a miserable schoolboy. It will be interesting to see how director Stephen Mazzola presents the play's treatment of the put-upon student's supposed "tendencies."

Gunston's Theatre II, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; opens Thu., Jan. 6, through Feb. 5, $18-$26; 703-553-8782.

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Fear not, sleepyheads. In order to keep you alert enough to keep chugging, the alcohol industry is marching out a cavalcade of unique attempts at energy-boosting booze. The latest and most-hyped is Busch's B to the E, a beer reimagined with extra alcohol (6.6 percent), plus a perky medley of caffeine, ginseng and guarana. It packs about as much caffeine as a 12 oz. can of Mountain Dew.

To get the lowdown on these uppers, we subjected a group of unsuspecting testers to B to the E, a malt beverage called Sparks (also spiked with caffeine, guarana, ginseng and extra alcohol) and a mysterious control brew.

B TO THE E (Anheuser-Busch, $1.75 per 10 oz. can): It's marketed as "beer with something extra," but most true beer drinkers would probably just label it "something."

Sweeter than any beer should ever, ever be, B to the E will appeal most to those who don't like beer but enjoy the idea of holding a Budweiser to fit in with the crowd. Indeed, the most favorable reaction among our testers came from those who shun regular brews. "It's not unpleasant, it's just not beer," one person explained.

B to the E is infused with assorted berry flavors, and testers immediately griped about its overwhelming fruitiness. The resemblance to hard ciders doesn't end there, and those accustomed to a full-bodied brew complained that it was too tart to drink more than one can. But, as one tester offered weakly, "It could be popular with the wine-cooler set."

SPARKS (Steel Brewing Company, $1.49 per 16 oz. can): If B to the E tasted like a beer wannabe with two lumps of sugar thrown in, Sparks is alcoholic liquid Smarties — a pixie stick in a can. Factor in the alarming neon-orange coloring and you have the perfect evening drink for compulsive Tang addicts.

Whether or not this is enjoyable depends on one's personal taste. A beer enthusiast couldn't "imagine why anyone would want to drink this," while an admitted brew-averse tester was an instant fan. But until Red Bull and vodka comes in a can, Sparks will reign as the premier excessively stimulating, tooth-decaying alcohol option. Those whose desire for Kool-Aid waned upon reaching maturity should stay away, however, as should guys trying to avoid an assault on their masculinity: "It's girly. My friends would taunt me mercilessly," one sampler noted.

MAKE-YOUR-OWN: There are plenty of powdered stimulants out there to mix into the beer or malt beverage of your choice. We tried the guarana-based "Energy Fuel" from CVS, cracking open a capsule and dumping the contents into a Milwaukee's Best. Unfortunately, the beer still tasted like Milwaukee's Best. But despite the testers' twisted facial features — which reminded us why we abandoned this beer on the day of our college graduations — there was some promise. The beer taste itself was not appreciably altered, suggesting that energy powder dumped into a better beer might accomplish B to the E's goal without the heaping dose of sugar and infusion of berry.

Be warned, however: Not all powders dissolve cleanly. We suggest dumping the powder into the beer can and mixing via vigorous swirling. It was hard for our testers to look past our sample, which resembled muddy puddle water with floating specks of silt. After forging ahead in good faith and taking a sip, however, all agreed: Milwaukee's Best isn't worth staying awake for. CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)

LIVE ONLINE

Ask Tom

Washington Post Sunday Magazine columnist **TOM SIETSEMA** talks restaurants Wednesdays at 11 a.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

Can you recommend a spot in NYC for a great and fun dinner? My last trip was six long years ago and we had an amazing meal at Jean-Georges. Now I want something a bit less fancy, but still memorable.

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I am planning a training for a group of about 50 government people and I'm on a very tight budget — less than $25 a head including tax and tip. Do you have any suggestions? We will be meeting in a hotel near McPherson Square but can go at least as far as Chinatown. Thanks for any suggestions.

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ALWAYS A BRIDESMAID: "Buffy" sidekick Alyson Hannigan has signed on to Jennifer Love Hewitt's new ABC comedy "In the Game." Hewitt plays a producer who reluctantly goes in front of the camera; Hannigan plays ... her best friend. Boo!

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MEDIUM (10 p.m., NBC) Allison worries that she has helped to put the wrong man on death row.

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Gil (William Peterson) dusts for clews on a Sherlock Holmes-themed "CSI."

WHO GREEN-LIGHTED THIS?

A teen (Lindsay Lohan) tries to resurrect her dead mother and mistakenly breathes life into a doll in 2000's TV movie **LIFE-SIZE** (8 p.m., Disney). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

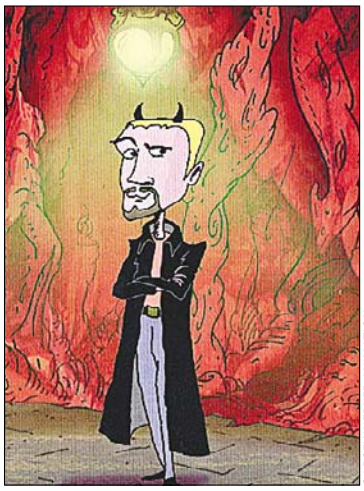
Ah, Sweet Mystery

Three new TV-based DVD releases explore the world's unknowns

DVD | **CSI: Miami — The Complete Second Season** (Paramount): Year two of the spinoff featuring the most ubiquitous three letters on television. David Caruso and his Florida crime-fighting forensics posse are featured in 24 episodes, seven accompanied by audio commentary by the show's writers and producers. The seven-disc set also has featurettes on visual effects and the team's crime labs.

Millennium: The Complete Second Season (20th Century Fox): The gloomy but gripping series from "The X-Files" creator Chris Carter continued its labyrinthine turns in year two, which comes to DVD in a six-disc set packing 23 episodes. Lance Henriksen stars as a crime profiler with an uncanny ability to put himself into the heads of grisly serial killers.

God, the Devil and Bob (20th Century Fox): The short-lived animated series about an ordinary guy and his dealings with God and Satan arrives on DVD in a two-disc set with all 13 episodes, 10 of which never aired in its original run. Each episode has commentary by creators and producers of the show, which features the voices of French Stewart, James Garner and Alan Cumming. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)



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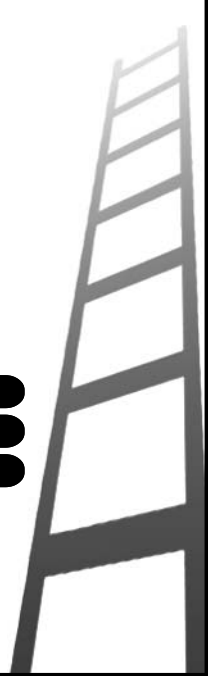

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Fashion

Got $1,000 bucks to spare? One designer has the jeans for you

Designer jeans costing $150 can hardly be called expensive now that Calvin Stewart has entered the fray.

The New York-based designer ratcheted up the stakes with the introduction of A.P.O. Jeans, fully customized denim embellished with diamond, gold and platinum details — starting at $1,000 a pair.

"We wanted to be the Mercedes-Benz, the Maybach of the denim industry," Stewart said.

A.P.O. jeans are constructed from denim woven in India that costs $40 a yard, compared with the $2- to $3-per-yard cost of materials for most designer denim. Buttons and rivets are made with precious metals or, if a customer is willing to shell out $4,000 or more, up to a dozen white, 48-carat diamonds on the main button.

DIG DEEP: Paying $1,000 or more for these jeans could empty your pockets.

Stewart, 42, said he'll make jeans to match a customer's measurements or copy the fit of a favorite — but perhaps worn-out — pair.

Not surprisingly, the jeans come with a certificate of authenticity, an appraisal and a "born-on" date. And to guard against counterfeiting, Stewart employes a secret, continuous stitching method.

"If someone tried to copy the jeans, they wouldn't know where the stitch started or where it ended," he said.

Stewart doesn't come from a Madison Avenue background. Born in Florida, he served six years in the military and pursued an engineering degree at the DeVry Institute before attending Miss Wade's Fashion Merchandising College in Dallas. He then was head designer at DBA and Pro-Moves, a sports apparel company.

"There's definitely a demand in the market for premium things, whether it's with jeans or skin care or whatever," said Tim Kaeding, creative director for Seven for All Mankind.

The company's jeans range from around $120 for its best-selling boot cut model to $200 for top-of-the-line denim adorned with premium Swarovski crystals, introduced two months ago.

"As you walk, you can sort of see the shimmer," Kaeding says. "It's really taken off. It's been a huge thing for us."

Stewart said he has sold about four pairs of A.P.O. jeans, with a waiting list that includes a New York Jets player he declined to name.

"In the fashion industry, a lot of people are driven by name, but that doesn't say they're using the best quality stuff," he said. "We want to be known for the quality."

BRUNO J. NAVARRO (AP)

GEM DANDY: Even A.P.O.'s buttons bling. AP

"If someone tried to copy the jeans, they wouldn't know where the stitch started or where it ended."

CALVIN STEWART
DESIGNER, A.P.O. JEANS

Lap of Luxury

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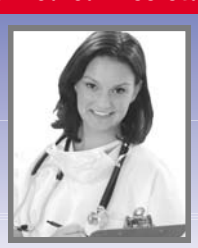

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Gadgets

Tech Takeover

Post business columnist **STEVEN PEARLSTEIN** was online Wednesday to discuss our obsession with the latest high-tech gadgets | **washingtonpost.com/liveonline**

I have a Blackberry for work, and while I was on vacation over the holidays I could periodically check in on my work e-mail, thus not having 100 or 200 messages to go through upon my return. This seems like an efficient tool to me.

It is. But I just got an e-mail from somebody who said he was out on a blind date and things were going pretty well until he caught her checking her messages under the table. Seems she was addicted to it and couldn't go an hour or two without plugging in.

That's obsessive behavior, I think, that is encouraged by this technology. And I don't think you can think about the advantages you describe, which are real, without considering the downside consequences, which can be just as real.

Any advice for taming the demands on our time that come from being available anywhere, many different ways? In Tokyo last month I saw a guy talking on two cell phones while typing an IM on the subway. How do we reclaim personal time?

One way is simply to adopt the Nancy Reagan strategy: Just say no. It is one thing to use this stuff because you like it or need it or it makes you more effective. It is another to use it because you are expected to use it. We need to start disabusing people of the expectation of instant gratification.

Do you think some people had the same thoughts about the typewriter when it was invented? It may just take society time to digest each technological advance. Perhaps we are in period of adjustment.

We are in a period of adjustment, of adapting the technology and simplifying it so it can be really user-friendly. As for the typewriter, I can type very fast — as fast as you can talk. I can't write that fast. That's a real difference, to say nothing of the legibility. As I say, I'm not opposed to all these advances. But for every advance like e-mail, there is the electric bottle opener, this year's hot seller for Christmas.

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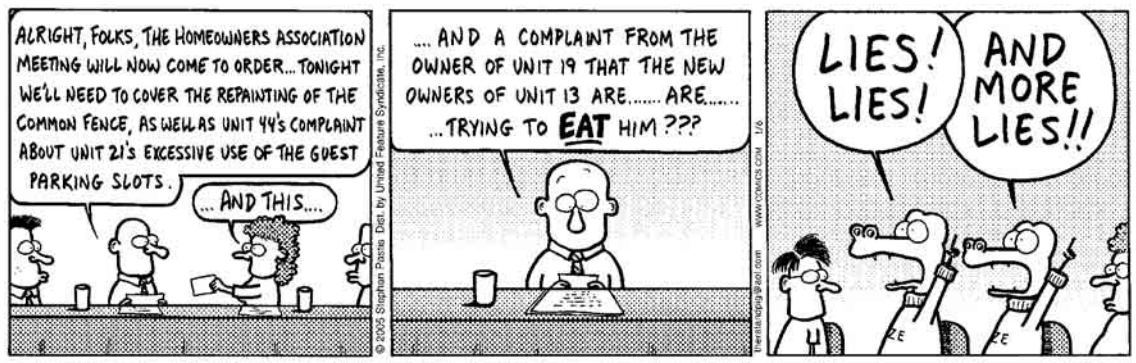

Letters

Outrage Was Misguided

WEDNESDAY'S letter-writer, who claimed that more money should be spent in the United States rather than on tsunami relief, needs to take a good look around. The last time I did, there weren't 100,000-plus people dead in D.C., nor are there bodies scattered about in the streets decaying and causing disease. Maybe she needs to take a trip to Asia to understand the poverty and devastation there. Could she tell an orphaned child in Asia that U.S. school systems are more important than the basics of food and clean water to sustain life? While she was in her warm home, entire families were wiped out of existence. Such comments are a prime example of the world's stereotype for us: Americans fat on excess.

—MICHAEL A. SPENARD
Columbia, Md.

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5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Variably cloudy, mild, showers	A shower early, partly cloudy late	Partly sunny and cooler	Cloudy with rain	Becoming partly sunny, milder	Partly sunny and warmer
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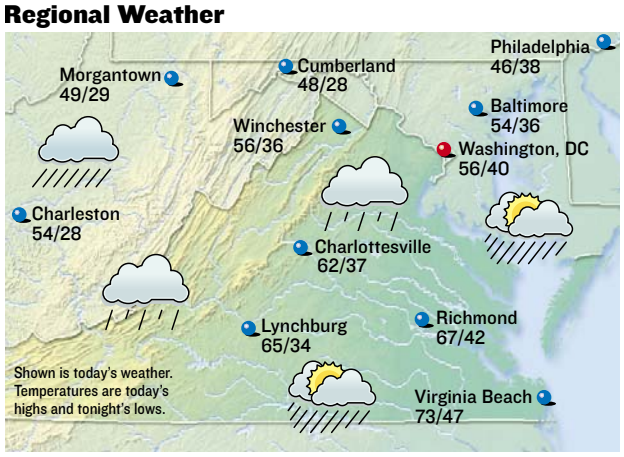

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Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

Temperature

High	49°
Low	44°
Normal high	43°
Normal low	28°
Average humidity	93%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.15"
Month to date	0.17"
Normal month to date	0.50"
Year to date	0.17"
Last year to date	0.46"
Normal year to date	0.50"

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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, variably cloudy, mild, a couple of showers. High 56. Wind south to southwest at 8-14 mph. Tonight, a shower early. Low 40.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:27 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:01 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:11 a.m.
Moonset today	1:15 p.m.

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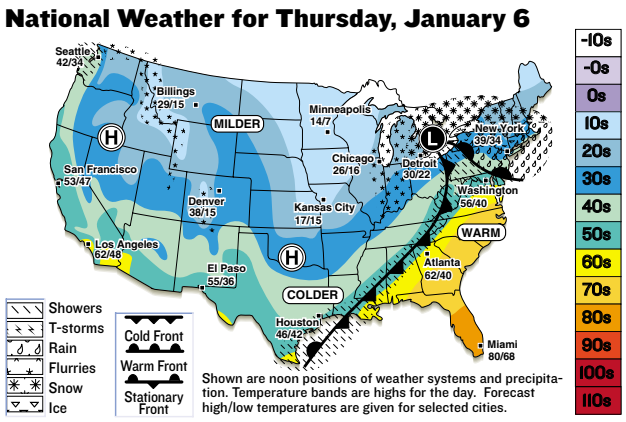
National Weather for Thursday, January 6



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Atlanta	62/40/sh	54/52/sh
Boston	36/30/sn	42/28/s
Chicago	26/16/sf	30/22/pc
Dallas	38/36/pc	52/36/r
Denver	38/15/pc	35/21/c
Honolulu	79/66/pc	80/67/pc
Los Angeles	62/48/pc	58/48/r
Miami	80/68/pc	80/68/pc
New York City	39/34/i	44/34/pc
Orlando	80/60/pc	80/60/pc
Seattle	42/34/r	42/34/r

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
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Athens	59/43/s	48/34/pc
Berlin	38/32/c	45/40/r
Buenos Aires	91/70/pc	88/68/t
Calgary	20/-2/sf	-1/-14/sf
Dublin	52/46/r	52/41/r
Geneva	40/36/c	46/42/pc
Moscow	29/18/c	27/21/sn
Rome	55/42/pc	55/44/s
Sydney	81/63/s	74/59/s
Tokyo	45/41/r	54/38/pc

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LOOK out

People

FAULT

He Also Blamed Acid Reflux And That Darned Drummer

OLIVER STONE blamed everyone but himself for the failure of "Alexander" on Wednesday. At the film's London premiere, he told Reuters that Americans focused overly much on the issue of Alexander's bisexuality. He also blamed the war. "Because Alexander at times sounds like George Bush, [people] get the two confused," he said. "I think it makes people feel queasy about empire and the concepts that Alexander espoused, but Alexander was not attacking the East in order to drain it of its resources. He stayed in the East." (EXPRESS)

TIFFS

FCC Considers Arbitrarily Fining Everyone Involved

HOWARD STERN says he was pulled off four radio stations this week for using a pair of newly forbidden words: Satellite radio. Citadel Broadcasting Corp. opted to yank the program Monday because the host was devoting too much time to his impending switch to Sirius Satellite Radio, Stern said. Citadel felt the program had become "an infomercial" for Stern's next employer and pulled the plug, the shock jock said. It was unclear if the decision was permanent or temporary. (AP)

MAX NASH/AP, JOERG SARBACH/AP

WHAT THEY TALK ABOUT

'You're Pretty.' 'No, You Are.'

Supermodel **HEIDI KLUM**, singer **SEAL**, actor **JUDE LAW** and actress **SIENNA MILLER** are all engaged to be married, it was announced Wednesday. Klum and Seal sealed the deal on Dec. 23; Law proposed to Miller on Christmas morning in England. (AP)

SUE OGROCKI/AP

"They're booing because they feel bad inside. It has nothing to do with me."

CRITICS

Her Backing Track, However, Was Very Well Received

ASHLEE SIMPSON's Orange Bowl halftime performance on Tuesday received a discernible chorus of boos from the 72,000-plus Miami crowd following a performance of her song "La La." "You make me wanna scream," she sang before the audience jeered. The camera cut away from her face as the booing began. The second season of MTV's "The Ashlee Simpson Show" premieres Jan. 26 and will capture her "Saturday Night Live" appearance. (AP)

TRANSLATION

'Wonderfully Professional' Just Means 'Boring,' Regis

A month after his stroke, **DICK CLARK** remains hospitalized in good spirits while working with rehabilitation specialists. The "American Bandstand" icon watched Regis Philbin host "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve 2005" from his hospital bed and said "he enjoyed the show and thought Regis did a wonderfully professional job," Clark publicist Paul Shefrin said Wednesday. As promised, Clark kissed his wife, Kari, at midnight, the spokesman added. It seems certain that Clark won't be at the Jan. 16 Golden Globe Awards, which he produces, Shefrin said. (AP)

Beckham will have dismal 4th-quarter earnings.

BRANDS

Becks Stock Drops; Shareholders Panic

The most powerful men in Britain are President George W. Bush and Prime Minister Tony Blair, while **DAVID BECKHAM**'s sway over British society is in free fall, the British edition of GQ said Wednesday. Beckham dropped from eighth to 23rd place, reflecting a turbulent year in which "the wheels seem to have come off Brand Beckham." GQ said 19-year-old soccer sensation Wayne Rooney was the "new Beckham," and put the Manchester United striker in 14th place. (AP)

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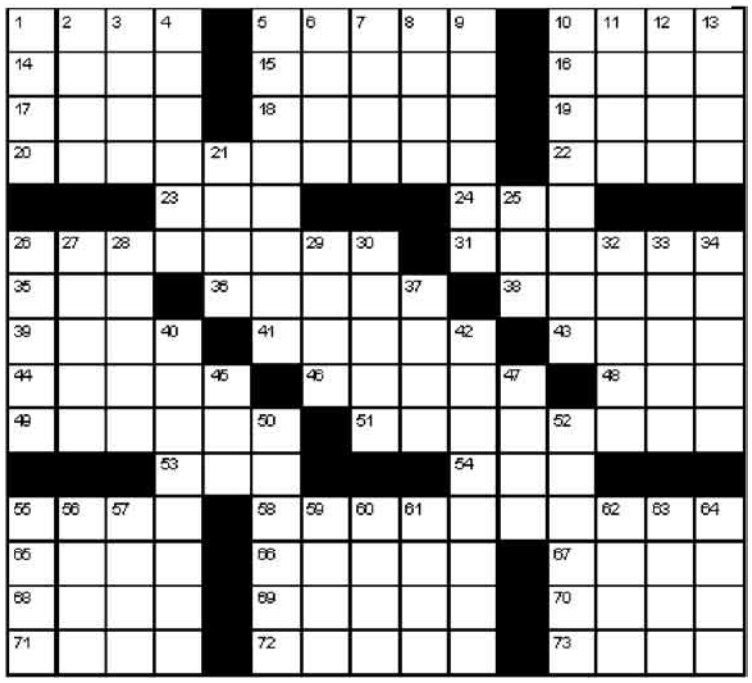

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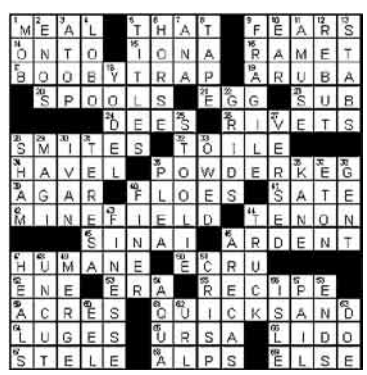

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your determination and will to win are necessary ingredients, but don't become bullheaded or irascible. Cooperate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Questions of taste are likely to arise on at least two occasions. Don't impose your unusual likes and dislikes on your companions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You'll have numerous options to choose from — but ultimately each door will lead you directly to the same destination. Luck plays a role.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're likely to form an important attachment that can sustain you through some difficult times.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're going to want to put in a major effort even though you may not be recognized for your contribution until a later date.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will enjoy the opportunity to approach an age-old problem from a completely new and different perspective. You'll receive high marks from superiors.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may be able to stay ahead of schedule throughout the day. Evening brings a chance encounter that could change your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take care you're not too quick to correct others especially when you may actually be mistaken yourself. Get your facts straight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Unusual force may be required in order for you to prevail in a tricky emotional situation. Your usual support group may not be available.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Issues of territory and possession are paramount. You can make of an evening situation what you want of it. Trust your own sense of timing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Keep your eyes and ears open. You can't afford to miss out on an opportunity in which you may be highly favored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) What you think and what you say needn't be wholly reconciled as long as what you do is acceptable and appropriate.

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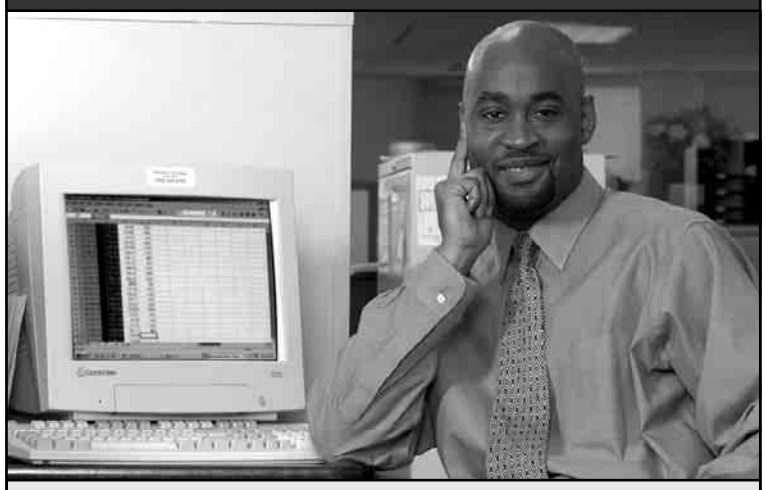

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